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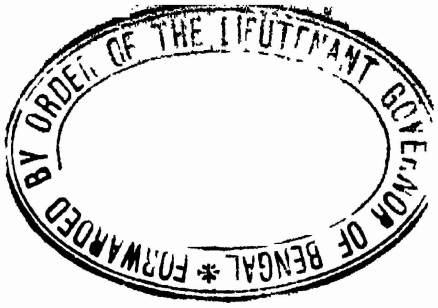

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FROM

COLONEL K. J. L. MACKENZIE,

Judicial Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts,

TO

THE SECRETARY FOR BERAR TO THE RESIDENT,

Hyderabad.

DATED AMRAOTI, 6*th April* 1891.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the report on the administration of Civil Justice in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1890, and along with it I forward the prescribed returns and the district and small cause court reports.

2. Notwithstanding the Resident's insistence as to punctuality and care in the rendition and preparation of the reports, and that the Officiating Judicial Commissioner on the 23rd December last sent out a special instruction,* some statements in every district had to be returned for correction. The Akola District report came in a fortnight late, and its returns in particular were full of errors; it was the 11th of March before the last of the Akola corrected statements were received back. The Badnera Small Cause Court report in Amraoti was also much and unnecessarily delayed. Under these circumstances it would have been difficult for me to have kept time and submitted my own report on the date due, namely, the 15th March, and had it not been that orders from the Government of India received at the last moment calling for the preparation of a few new forms has this year permitted delay, I should probably have myself been late. To the Akola District papers I attach the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Nicholett's explanation to let him speak for himself. An absence of method in supervision is chiefly accountable for his not discovering in time that his assistant, Mr. Yassin Khan, ought not to have been entrusted with the preparation of the district report, and next, when he was so entrusted even wrongly, it ought to have been seen that he turned out the report creditably instead of very much the reverse. One of the main reasons for annual reports is that the local responsible officers, by the necessity of the preparation and the review of the statistics on the subject being treated at least once a year, shall become acquainted with the condition of their charges and shall be placed in a position to control matters if tending wrongly. It is therefore desirable and necessary that Deputy Commissioners should keep these matters in their own hands and themselves go into the statistics.

* General letter No 4102—7.

3. The courts open during 1890 as compared with the year previous are as below :—

Tribunals.

Officers	1890.	1889.
Judicial Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts	1	1
Civil and Sessions Judge, Hyderabad Assigned Districts	1	1
Deputy Commissioners	4	6
Civil Judges	5	5
Assistant Commissioners	5	5
Extra Assistant Commissioners ...	12	10
Attachés	3	3
Tahsildars	2	2
Naib Tahsildars	4	4
Small Cause Court Judges	5	4
Total ...	42	41

Colonel Mackenzie was Judicial Commissioner throughout the year up to the 30th October, when he went on privilege leave, Mr. Obbard, the Officiating Civil and Sessions Judge, replacing him to the end of the year. Mr. Elliott, the Deputy Commissioner of Wun, officiated as Civil and Sessions Judge for Mr. Obbard between the 30th October and the end of the year.

Part I.—Original Courts.

A.—Institution of Suits.

Extent and character of litigation.

4. The extent and character of litigation dealt with by the courts during the year under report and in comparison with previous years are shown in the two tables, A and B, annexed :—

Table A—*Shows number of suits instituted in each district from 1886 to 1890.*

Years	Akola					Buldana	Basim	Amraoti				Ellichpur	Wun	Grand Total.
	District	Akola Small Cause Court	Khamgaon Small Cause Court.	Telhara Small Cause Court	Total			District	Amraoti Small Cause Court	Badnera Small Cause Court	Total			
1886	4,266	1,818	983		7,167	2,911	2,602	3,908	4,852		8,155	3,129	2,006	25,970
1887	3,965	1,871	997		6,833	3 055	2,513	2,762	3,554		6,316	3,490	2,284	24,491
1888	3 607	1,757	917		6,281	4 935	2,751	3,795	3,243		7,038	3,248	2 711	26,974
1889	3 123	1,948	667	1 074	6 842	4,034	2,958	3 090	2,908	943	6,941	3,591	2 010	25,776
1890 ,,	2,403	1,555	540	1,713	6,111	4,854	3,258	2 907	2,283	1,771	6,051	3,332	2,148	25,764
Grand Total	17,264	9 019	4,104	2,787	33 244	19 789	14 08·2	15 947	16 840	1,714	33,901	16,800	11 159	128,965
Average	3,452 8	1,803 8	832 8	1,393·5	6,646 8	3,957·8	2,816·4	3,069 4	3,368·	342 8	6,780 2	3360	2 231·8	25,793

Table B.

Locality of Courts.	No of suits instituted. 1889.	1890.	Increase	Decrease	Percentage	Remarks showing No of Courts at head quarters
Akola. Akola Head-quarter Courts ..	148	532	384	...	259·5	3
Small Cause Court, Akola ..	2,327	1,591		736	31·6	
Total ..	2,475	2,123	...	352	14·2	
Small Cause Court, Khamgaon..	926	767	...	159	17·2	
Telhara Court	3,073	2,654	...	419	13·6	
Naib-Courts. Jalgaon	105	211	106	...	101·	
Akot	158	210	52	...	32·9	
Balapur	105	146	41	...	39·	
Grand Total ...	6,842	6,111	...	731	10 7	
Percentage on provincial litigation ...	26·5	23 7	...	...	...	
Buldana. Buldana Head-quarter Courts.	1,751	1,488	...	263	15·	2
Malkapur Court	566	1,358	792	...	139·9	
Mehkar Court	1,717	2,008	291	...	16·9	
Total ...	4,034	4,854	820	...	20·3	
Percentage on provincial litigation ..	15·6	18·9	...	...	...	
Basim. Basim Head-quarter Courts ...	1,921	1,904	...	17	·9	4
Tahsildar, Mangrul ...	293	...	...	..	...	
Tahsildar, Pusad	539	42	...	497	92·2	
Naib Tahsildar, Mangrul ..	205	426	221	...	107·8	
Extra Assistant Commissioner's Court, Pusad	...	886	...	...	...	
Total ...	2,958	3,258	300	...	10·1	
Percentage on provincial litigation ...	11·4	12·7	...	...	...	

TABLE B—*continued.*

	Locality of Courts.	No. of suits instituted. 1889.	No. of suits instituted. 1890.	Increase.	Decrease.	Percentage.	Remarks showing No. of courts at head-quarters.
Amraoti.	Amraoti Head-quarter Courts ...	856	1,120	264	...	30·8	5
	Small Cause Court, Amraoti ...	2,908	2,283	...	625	21·5	
	Total ...	3,764	3,403	...	361	9·6	
	Badnera Court	1,289	1,371	132	...	10·7	
	Morsi Court	1,338	1,277	...	61	4·6	
	Grand total ...	6,341	6,051	...	290	4·6	
	Percentage on provincial litigation...	24·6	23·5	...	...	...	
Ellich-pur.	Ellichpur Head-quarter Courts	1,925	1,908	...	17	·9	4
	Daryapur Court	1,601	1,332	...	269	16·8	
	Tahsildar, Melghat ...	65	92	27	..	41·5	
	Total ...	3,591	3,332	..	259	7·2	
	Percentage on provincial litigation ...	13·9	12·9	...	..	...	
Wun.	Yeotmal Head-quarter Courts ...	1,505	1,571	66	...	4·4	4
	Kelapur Court	158	577	419	...	265·2	
	Tahsildar, Kelapur ...	34	...	...	...	...	
	Tahsildar, Wun	313	...	...	...	...	
	Total ...	2,010	2,148	138	...	6·9	
	Percentage on provincial litigation...	7·7	8·3	...	...	...	
	Grand total ...	25,776	25,754	...	22	·09	

5. These tables indicate that there is no change, as compared with the previous year, in the positions districts hold towards each other as to weight of litigation. Akola still heads the list, followed by Amraoti, Buldana, Ellichpur, Basim, and Wun, but there is a change in the weights. In Akola suits instituted have decreased by 2·8 per cent., and in Amraoti and Ellichpur respectively by 1·1 and 1 per cent., while in the other three districts there has been an increase, *viz.*, in Buldana by 3·3 and in Basim and Wun by 1·3 and 0·6 per cent. respectively. Table B details the rise and fall, and the net provincial result is 22 cases less than in the year previous. The Naib Tahsildars' Courts throughout show an increase.

Causes of increase and decrease.

6. The district reports explain minutely the causes of these fluctuations. Broadly stated, increase where it occurs is due to the establishment of new courts as at Kelapur in Wun, or to certain courts having worked uninterruptedly throughout the year, some with extended jurisdiction as at Pusad in Basim ; and decrease to certain courts having been unavoidably closed for longer or shorter periods, *e.g.*, Morsi in Amraoti, or to a redistribution of work as compared with the year previous. For example, the Naib Tahsildar at Balapur in Akola took something of what previously went to the Akola Small Cause Court. The epidemic of influenza which swept over the country in the early part of the year, as noticed in the Amraoti Small Cause Court report, had also for a time a slightly adverse effect on the institution of suits, but this cause of course affected all districts' pretty much alike, except when, as at Amraoti, the Judge of the Small Cause Court himself fell a victim and the work of that court in consequence for a time got hampered.

I should explain that in table A in the last report the Telhara Small Cause Court was included in the Akola District Courts; this year it has been shown separately and the figures for purposes of comparison rectified.

B.—Classification of Suits.

7. The classification of suits will be clearly understood from the four tables, C, D, D-*a*, and E, subjoined.

Classification of suits.

Table C contrasts for the year under report and the previous two years the distribution of suits grouped under the two main heads of suits, "for money or moveable property" and "title and other suits," with the percentage of each on the total litigation; while tables D and D-*a* respectively show the details of those two main heads, and table E how the more important kinds of suits under both heads fell to be dealt with by districts.

TABLE C.

Description of suits.	1888.		1889.		1890.	
	No. of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	No. of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	No. of suits.	Percentage of total suits.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Suits for money or moveables.	24,423	90·5	22,816	88·5	22,321	86·7
2. Title and other suits ...	2,551	9·5	2,960	11·5	3,433	13·3
Total ...	26,974	100	25,776	100	25,754	100

What is noticeable in this table, as it was last year, is a progressive fall in suits under the first head, *viz.*, for money or moveables, and a rise under the second, *viz.*, title and other suits.

TABLE D.

8. Detailing suits instituted under "money or moveables" in table C for the year under report in comparison with the year previous:—

Description of suits.	1889.		1890.		Increase or decrease in per-centage.
	No. of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	No. of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	
Contracts in writing	14,903	57·8	14,169	55	—2·8
Contracts not in writing	2,791	10·8	3,202	12·4	+1·6
On account stated	3,499	13·6	3,229	12·5	—1·1
Money had and received	114	·4	213	·8	+ ·4
Goods sold	350	1·4	311	1·2	— ·2
Wages, work and materials	164	·6	137	·5	— ·1
Other suits for money or moveables not already mentioned	212	·8	268	1·	+ ·2
Rent not falling under rent law ...	171	·7	184	·7	...
Moveable property or value thereof ...	334	1·3	444	1·7	+ ·4
Damages	278	1·1	164	·6	— ·5
Total ...	22,816	88·5	22,321	86·5	—2

The fluctuations in the table above are so very slight as not to call for or require investigation. The district reports attempt no explanation except in one case—Akola, and there the Deputy Commissioner merely emphasises the fact of a decrease in some suits and an increase in others without really explaining how this came about. The total of suits under this class has diminished by 2 per cent.

TABLE D-*a*.

9. Detailing suits under the head "title and other suits" for the year under report in comparison with the year previous :—

Description of suits.	1889.		1890.		Increase or decrease in percentage.
	No. of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	No. of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	
Suits for immoveable property ...	1,760	6·8	2,001	7·8	+ ·1
Suits for declaratory decree	194	·8	157	·6	— ·2
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act...	35	·1	38	·2	+ ·1
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	559	2·2	713	2·8	+ ·6
Suits to decree and establish personal rights	104	·4	112	·4	...
Suits for an account	6	·02	3	·01	— ·01
Suits relating to religious endowments ...	...	...	...	...	...
Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the grounds of fraud ...	14	·05	36	·1	+ ·05
Suits for dissolution of marriage ...	4	·01	8	·03	+ ·02
Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights	60	·2	126	·5	+ ·3
Suits for partition	63	·2	90	·4	+ ·2
Suits relating to shipping	...	...	...	...	...
Suits relating to religion and caste ...	...	...	...	...	...
Administration suits	...	...	1	...	...
Inter-pleader suits	...	...	...	...	...
Dissolution of partnership	6	·02	6	·02	...
Suits under section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act)	...	...	...	...	...
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	155	·6	142	·6	...
Total ...	2,960	11·4	3,433	13·1	+2

In this table the decline of 2 per cent. shown in the total of the previous table is made up mainly under suits for immoveable property and suits to declare and establish rights to real property—litigation which pertains to the land.

TABLE E.

10. Classified details by districts of the principal descriptions of suits under the two heads in table C.

Districts.	Total suits instituted.	For money due.				Suits for moveable property.		Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	
		Contracts in writing.		Contracts not in writing.					
		Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	No. of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	No. of suits.	Percentage of total suits.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Akola ...	6,111	3,374	55·2	533	8·7	421	6·9	68	1·1
Buldana ...	4,854	3,186	65·6	473	9·7	336	6·9	7	·1
Basim ...	3,258	1,470	45·1	915	29	269	8·3	7	·2
Amraoti ...	6,051	2,916	48·2	520	8·6	606	10·	451	7·5
Ellichpur ...	3,332	2,000	60	499	15	252	7·6	40	1·2
Wun	2,148	1,223	56·9	282	13·8	117	5·4	140	6·5
Total ...	25,754	14,169	55	3,202	12·4	2,001	7·8	713	2·8

This table by districts accounts for the chief suits shown in table D under contracts in writing and not in writing; and in table D-*a* as respects land litigation, suits for immoveable property and suits to establish rights to real property.

11. As explained in more than one of the district reports, the fall in suits for money due under "contracts in writing" and "not in writing" is atributable to the same cause that has raised litigation in respect of immoveable property, namely, agricultural prosperity, which put more money into the pockets of the people and raised the value of land. Possessing more money, debts are more readily paid, leading to a fall in suits on contracts written or verbal, while an appreciation in the value of land (see Ellichpur district report, paragraph 9, which puts it at cent. per cent. within the last two years,) has naturally stimulated litigation in respect of land. Out of the 2,001 suits shown under immoveable property and 713 to declare rights to real property, 1,471, or 73·4 per cent., and 478 respectively relate to land. The high percentage in suits under contracts *not* in writing discernible in the returns from Ellichpur, Basim, and Wun as compared with the other three districts is due to the three districts named being in parts more "jungly" with a people within those jungly tracts less instructed and with fewer facilities for entering into written contracts even if they desired to.

12. In obedience to the Resident's wishes, expressed in paragraph 4 of his review of the last judicial report, district officers were asked to make their comments on the classification of suits more full and interesting. The instructions have not been acted up to anywhere with the completeness that might have been expected. But even when the facts presented in litigation are of undoubted interest, and occasionally bespeak change in important directions, it is not given to every one to perceive their interest or at the outset to forecast intelligently their drift, but a start having been made, better results, it is hoped, may be expected in future reports.

13. In a province whose main reliance is agriculture, the real condition of its agriculturists is of primary interest. The general idea is that in Berar, as in other parts of India, we are in this respect slowly going from bad to worse, that the great body of the cultivating class is steeped in debt and year by year is sinking deeper into debt, and that individually the members of this class are becoming bondsmen to the Marwari or the money-lending class. The one side is generally represented as child-like in its innocence, falling an easy prey to the fiendishly-acute and vampire-like instincts of the other, with the result that the ownership of the land is said to be rapidly changing hands from the one to the other, bringing consequences in its train disastrous to the peace of Government and calling for early attention and interference. Portions of certain of the district reports illustrate this. It is very difficult to get at a sufficiency of facts on which to found safely a belief. I believe, however, that in Berar at least the condition of the peasantry is better now than it has ever been, that there is a deal of indignation wasted and sympathy misplaced when the relations of the creditor and debtor class are discussed—that is, on the average both are pretty much on a par in cuteness and in the ability to look after number one, and that in the struggle to get the best of a bargain when they come to deal it is really a case of "diamond cut diamond." If the Marwari—I use the name as typical of the money-lender—is hard and pitiless, it is because virtually he is driven—the result of long practical experience—to protect himself against the cunning and unscrupulous tortuosity of the kunbi, the borrower, when it suits the kunbi, as unfortunately it too frequently does, to be unscrupulous.

14. It is supposed by those best informed that quite one-third of the land in Berar has passed to the money-lender, but if so, no one that I have been able to find —and I am always seeking information as opportunity offers from those likely to know—can point to any facts *indubitably* indicating that harm has followed this transfer. Part of the notion that there must be harm appears to be founded on the idea that the money-lending class, as the name Marwari imports, is *entirely* foreign and persistently carries its gains out of the country. Of these two sumptions the first is incorrect and the second is doubtful, for the lending class is certainly largely composed of kunbis themselves, the indigenous culti-

vating class grown to affluence; while there is nothing to show that those of the money-lenders, who are foreigners from Rajputana chiefly, remove, except insignificantly, their capital from Berar.

15. When we took over Berar a large portion of the land was wholly uncultivated. In those smaller portions on which man had settled, cultivated land as such had no marketable value whatever, and the actual cultivating class had to be induced and kept in by all manner of devices and was protected by those interested in the land. They were poorly and scantily clothed; they could afford themselves no ornaments and no luxuries, and were often indeed so poor that they could not afford themselves even earthenware vessels to eat off, but used the leaves of trees as plates for their food. I was myself a witness to this state of things in the early days of our administration. How entirely different at all points can the picture now be painted. And if this is so, I for one think that the more reasonable deduction to be drawn is that, whatever evils advancing comfort and so-called civilization is bringing in its train unknown to days of old—and every change of condition usually brings some evils of its own—it cannot as yet at least be truthfully asserted that our agricultural class as a class has deteriorated and is in worse case than it was. The very fact that over and above those calls of Government in the shape of taxation of sorts, to which they must submit, our people can afford to and do litigate, almost joyously and often recklessly, bespeaks money, and money means well-being.

16. To the allegation that usury is rampant and crushing, I would answer that interest is high partly because the great mass of the people hoard or tie up in jewelry their wealth instead of putting it into circulation, partly because the security tendered for loans is practically bad. And from the knowledge that has come to me in cases that I have tried, I suspect that, if we could but impound every money-lender's books and have a reliable examination of them made, we should discover that the real interest enjoyed by them on their money put out is much lower than is popularly and generally believed. Many individual instances of high payment and hard dealing would doubtless come to light during such an investigation, but the average result would be, I believe, as stated: I say this mainly from recollection of a case that came before me when I was Deputy Commissioner of Ellichpur, and in which I was much interested. The headman of a hill village, who was one of my shikarries, was sued by a money-lender for a sum about six times over what he had originally borrowed, it being admitted that he had intermediately paid up in hard cash about five times the original debt. In other words—I give the figures roundly—the original debt was Rs. 30; Rs. 150 had been paid up, and a suit lay for a further sum of Rs. 180. Of this demand, the defendant disputed Rs. 25 only. The money-lender plaintiff was, in those days, the sole money-lender of a definite tract, and his books for years had to be brought into court to prove the disputed items, when I took the opportunity, with the money-lender's permission and knowledge, of working out not only the account of the particular defendant at the time before me, but of all those shown in the books to be indebted, most of whom were known to me and the history of all whom I could easily trace. The results were checked by a reference to many of those shown to be indebted, and they were very astonishing. I found that the rates of interest charged varied from Rs. 12 per cent. per annum to, in one instance, as much as Rs. 150, the great bulk of the interest being at rates from 24 to 48 per cent.; yet all round on the actual output in reality only Rs. 10 per cent. per annum or thereabouts had been obtained. For example, the gentleman who so lightly and recklessly had bound himself to 150 per cent. per annum had but his axe and his blanket to tender as security, and he had been accommodated solely on trust on his promise to pay on anticipated realizations from wood and bamboo fellings. But he either could not or would not keep his compact, and on being reminded that settlement day was at hand, he disappeared with his blanket and his axe into one of the small feudatory states of the Central Provinces that adjoin our Melghat border and was lost to view; the whole loan to him became of course a bad debt, and so it was in other cases, and much had in this way to be written off as irrecoverably lost.

17. This enquiry both as to time and area was too limited to safely generalize upon, but in its way it indicates probably what money-lenders everywhere have to face and risk. To return for a moment to the defendant whose case led to the enquiry, it might be supposed that in any case he had been extortionately and mercilessly bled in being sued for so large a balance after paying up so much, but as a matter of fact he had not been. For he had agreed to repay his loan by a payment of rice at the close of the first harvest following the rainy season crop at so many seers per rupee calculated on the average of harvest prices. When the day of settlement came round, he chose not to pay at all, or he paid only a part and let his debt run, giving a fresh bond to clear in kind by wheat or grain at the next spring harvest. Again he did not settle, or settled only in part, and entered into a new agreement, and so the ball was kept a-rolling. But why was this? Because the defendant recklessly sold the grain that would have cleared him and applied the proceeds to wants real or imaginary, or the range of prices at date of settlement were so distinctly favourable to him that it advantaged him to sell and to renew with his creditor. Either he defrauded himself and his creditor or he gained by a postponement. In either case he got and enjoyed the money that he could have cleared his debt with. Under such a system the breakdown comes at the first partial or complete failure of a harvest, unless the debtor be otherwise a man of substance, when his credit of course runs.

18. In relating all this I only wish to suggest, with reference to some of the views expressed in the district reports, caution to our officers in arriving at and expressing conclusions and the necessity of probing facts very much more completely than has yet been done. Further I lean to the view that legislative interference between creditor and debtor, which some of the officers suggest—however well meant to protect the latter—when it touches the regulation of interest—unless it ensures at the same time a rise in securities, which it seldom can do, must aggravate, so far as the ability to borrow money goes, the position of the borrowing class. It tends only to raise the rate of interest and to make it more difficult for people in want to get money. I am credibly informed that one result of the rules under sections 320 and 322 of the Civil Procedure Code as to land sales and alienation, so well intentioned, virtually is that mortgages of land are now held to be of no or insufficient security, with the practical result that the rate of interest is raised and that borrowers to get money at all are forced to enter into fictitious sales of their land on the tacit understanding that, when they do repay their loans, there is to be a re-sale and re-conveyance, which often never comes off, and so the borrower's last state is worse than his first. Many of the best informed of the vakeels assure me this is so. This is not the place to discuss such a question, but it will be brought to the Commissioner's and Resident's notice after some further facts that I am in search of have been obtained.

19. It is said too that the cost of litigation is oppressive and is put down roughly at 25 per cent., *viz.*,—

In court fees, $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.,
In witness, &c., $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.,
Professional fees, 5 per cent., and
In execution cost, 5 per cent.;

but in Moglai times, when the aid of the Native Government was invoked, the Government charge was 25 per cent. The very name of the clerk of the Adalut Court, who effected executions, was the *choutha* officer, the man who distrained one-fourth, and as he was generally beyond ken and beyond control, litigants were very lucky if they got off with one-fourth; consequently relatively in this direction also there is no ground for the assertion so often made.

20. There is another fact of importance often I think lost sight of, namely, that those descendants of our tenantry who still hold land acquired in Moglai times hold a thing that was gifted to their ancestors when it was of little or no value and has since enormously appreciated in value. Now, when by stress of circumstances, for which they may or they may not individually deserve sympathy, though reckless improvidence is often at the bottom of their griefs, any

of these people have to part with their land, the land, to its new holder, be it the Marwari or the cultivator to whom he re-sells it, has to provide as a first charge the interest of the debt to clear which its sale was necessitated *plus* the Government assessment before it can be said truly to pay. It follows that in those cases in which the original holders are not actually divorced from their holdings, but only have their status changed, and from being so-called proprietors subside, as they often do, into being the money-lender's tenants or even, if they go elsewhere and lease land similarly burdened, they acutely and at once feel the difference in the returning value, so to speak, of their holdings. The feelings engendered by this impoverishment go a long way to supply something to the bitterness by which the money-lender as a class is often so unreasoningly condemned. But the result is inevitable if there is to be a money-lending class at all entitled to charge and take interest, however little. In fine I conclude that we do not know enough yet to decide if any of the interference suggested is desirable or, if desirable, whether we have the prospect of making it efficiently. What has resulted in the Deccan through legislative interference is not, I think, encouraging.

21. The great rise in the value of agricultural produce of all kinds is also to be remembered in estimating the condition of our agriculturists, and, if it is really true that they are so very badly off as some people try to make out, it is curious that they prefer to deal with the sowcar to taking loans of Government under tuccavi advances, to any extent at least.

22. As regards suits for the enforcement of matrimonial rights under polygamous arrangements, it is inevitable that many wives should come into collision and be out of favor with their legal lords and yet be sufficiently attractive to find consolation for themselves. In such cases litigation arises on the wife's side to force the husband to grant a divorce and so permit her remarriage; on the husband's side, to bring pressure on the woman's paramour or friends to pay him money for his complaisance. Occasionally it is a feud between the husband and the child-wife's parents who refuse to send her to the husband on attaining age—sometimes in view to break off the connection, but more often to force the husband into compliance with the terms of some unfulfilled contract. In one case in Basim a dissolution of marriage was sought on the allegation that one side suffered from leprosy, but this case was settled out of court, it is not known how.

23. Suits for partition are for the most part the result of Hindu family feuds, and, as observed in the Ellichpur report, it is rather curious that there are really so few of them. As time goes on these will probably increase.

24. Watandari suits are mainly quarrels amongst members of patels' families for shares to sites in the village garhi or fort, or amongst *pergana* officials for shares of emoluments, or amongst Mahars or the hereditary village servants for status as such, or for the payment from defaulters of their alleged dues. In a case in the Ellichpur district the village patel headed the community into discarding the hereditary joshi and appointing an outsider because the hereditary man had remarried by *pat* a *divorcée* while in an interesting condition, and this it was pretended was highly immoral.

25. There are a few curious cases on the list. At Basim a Mahar, an out-caste, rode at a wedding; his doing so gave offence, and a man of higher caste took revenge by spoiling the Mahar's wedding feast by introducing as a guest a man lower in the social scale to the Mahar. The Mahar sued the high caste man for damages. In Wun a dâk tonga traveller sued the contractor, as the tonga the day he travelled by it missed the train at Dhamangaon.

C.—Value and costs of Suits.

26. The tables G, H, and I appended make clear this portion of the report. Table G grades suits in value from Rs. 10 upwards and shows the percentage of

each grade to total litigation and the average of value of suits in the grade :—

TABLE G.

Grades of value.			No. of suits instituted.	Percentage of total suits.	Average value.
Not exceeding	Rs.	10 ...	1,652	6·41	6·9
Do	„	50 ...	11,539	44·8	31·8
Do.	„	100 ...	5,431	21·1	77·9
Do.	„	500 ...	5,516	21·41	234·6
Do.	„	1,000 ...	517	2·	710·1
Do.	„	5,000 ...	226	·9	1,937·2
Do.	„	10,000 ...	13	·05	7,444·4
Exceeding	„	10,000 ...	8	·03	13,686·6
No. of suits the value of which cannot be estimated		...	852	3·3	...
Total	{1890}	...	25,754	100·	124·7
	{1889}	...	25,776	100·	110·9

It is apparent from the above figures that the character of our litigation remains almost the same as in the previous year. 72 per cent. of our litigation is for property of less value than Rs. 100. The average value litigated, however, has risen from 110·9 to 124·7, the rise being due to more suits having been instituted in 1890 for Rs. 10,000 and above in value than in 1889.

27. Table H contrasts the litigation in these respects between the year under report and the previous year, marking the increase and decrease with percentages :—

TABLE H.

Grades of value.			No. of suits instituted in 1889.	No. of suits instituted in 1890.	Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
Not exceeding	Rs.	10 ...	1,694	1,652	— 42	— 2·5
Do.	„	50 ...	11,581	11,539	— 42	— ·4
Do.	„	100 ...	5,329	5,431	+ 32	+ ·6
Do.	„	500 ...	5,525	5,516	— 9	— ·2
Do.	„	1,000 ...	553	517	— 36	— 6·5
Do.	„	5,000 ...	289	226	— 63	— 21·8
Do.	„	10,000 ...	11	13	+ 2	+ 18·2
Exceeding	„	10,000 ...	4	8	+ 4	+100
No. of suits the value of which cannot be estimated		...	720	852	+132	+ 18·3
		Total ...	25,776	25,754	— 22	·09

The fluctuations here call for no particular comment; they represent facts difficult to explain.

28. While table I shows how these grades of suits came to fall by districts: —

District.	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Exceeding Rs. 500.	Value cannot be estimated.
Akola	7·1	43·5	20·7	22·9	3·8	2·
Buldana	6·1	47·9	22·2	20·3	1·5	2·
Basim	8·8	48·9	19·5	19·5	1·4	1·9
Amraoti	5·6	42·2	22·	21·9	4·1	4·2
Ellichpur	6·	45·6	19·6	20·7	3·3	4·8
Wun	4·8	41 2	21·7	22·4	2·8	7·1

Here too no comment is necessary.

29. Table K shows the value and cost of the suits *disposed of* and completes the information necessary under this section of the report :—

TABLE K.

Grades of value.	No. of suits disposed of	Aggregate value of suit. Rs.	a.	p.	Aggregate cost of suits. Rs.	a.	p.	Average value of suits Rs.	a.	p.	Average costs of suits. Rs.	a.	p.	Percentage of costs to value.
Not exceeding Rs. 10 ...	1,666	11,617	9	11	5,007	10	5	7	1	11	3	0	1	43·1
Do. „ 50 ...	11,854	3,40,761	5	1	66,287	13	7	29	3	1	5	9	6	19·5
Do. „ 100 ...	5,538	3,84,322	13	4	60,467	13	9	70	11	10	10	14	8	15·7
Do. „ 500 ...	5,678	12,37,893	5	1	1,46,616	5	8	222	7	1	25	13	2	11·8
Do. „ 1,000 ...	536	3,22,497	6	1	42,387	8	9	628	10	5	79	1	4	13·1
Do. „ 5,000 ...	224	4,06,998	13	6	45,026	14	6	1,919	12	11	201	0	2	11·1
Do. „ 10,000 ...	8	45,151	3	6	4,522	9	8	6,450	2	9	565	5	2	10·
Exceeding „ 10,000 ...	2	23,633	9	6	2,511	13	8	11,816	12	9	1,255	14	10	10·6
No. of suits the value of which cannot be estimated ...	825	...			16,070	2	10	...			19	7	8	...
Total	26,331	27,72,876	2	0	3,88,898	12	10	110	12	0	14	12	4	14·

The aggregate value of suits capable of money valuation was Rs. 27,72,876-2-0, or an increase of Rs. 1,32,785-6-2 on the amount of 1889. The average value has increased from Rs. 106-15-1 to Rs. 110-12-0.

The aggregate as well as the average cost of suits has also slightly risen. The percentage of costs to value is slightly higher than last year.

D—Disposal of original suits.

Suits for disposal.

30. Including 3,377 pending suits from 1889 and re-admitted cases 691, the total number of suits for disposal during 1890, the year under report, was 29,823, showing, as compared with the year previous, an increase of 6·3 per cent.

No. disposed of.

Of this total number (29,823), 26,331, or 88·3 per cent. were disposed of during the year, as is illustrated below in table M :—

Results.	No. of suits	Proportion in 1890.	Corresponding proportion in			
			1889.	1888	1887.	1886.
Plaints rejected or returned ...	186	·7	0·5	0·3	0·3	0·2
(*a*) Disposed of without contest—						
Dismissed for default	1,951	7·4	7·6	6·2	7·1	7·3
Withdrawn with leave	392	1·5	1·4	1·4	1·7	1·3
Compromised	4,269	16·2	14	12·9	12·7	14
Decreed on confession	7,379	28	29·5	32·4	30·6	34·6
Decreed *ex parte*	5,020	19·1	21·5	20·7	19·2	17·1
Dismissed *ex parte*...	230	·9	0·8	0·9	1	·7
Total uncontested ...	19,427	73·8	75·3	74·8	72·6	75·2
(*b*) Contested and judgment given for—						
Plaintiff in whole or in part ...	5,268	20	19·5	19·6	21·5	19·9
Defendant in whole	1,537	5·8	4·8	5·2	5·6	4·8
Total contested ...	6,805	25·8	24·3	24·8	27·1	24·7
By arbitration	99	·4	0·4	0·4	0·3	0·1
Grand total ...	26,331	100	100	100	100	100

Contested cases.

31. The above figures show that 25·8 per cent. of the litigation disposed of during the year was contested, being a rise in favour of the year under report of one per cent. This increase, small as it is, is probably due to the rise in suits in respect of immoveable property, which are always contested.

Decrees *ex-parte*.

32. Decrees *ex parte* have fallen from 21·5 to 19·1 per cent. The majority of these cases were in Buldana, but no particular reference is made to them in the report from that district. There is no reason to suppose, however, that such decrees, to any extent at least, are due to defects in the service of summonses.

Compromise.

33. Compromises have increased in the year under report by 2 per cent.

Reference to arbitration.

34. The figures under arbitration show no advance. The true explanation is, I think, as put by the Resident himself in paragraph 5 of his review on last year's report, and need not therefore be repeated here.

Pending file.

35. The number of cases pending at the close of the year under report was 3,491. Of these 1,392 had been pending more than three months; 817 cases of the latter were awaiting disposal in the Amraoti District alone. The Deputy Commissioner explains that this is owing entirely to unavoidable changes and moves among the district staff, which led to the Morsi court being closed practically for six months and other courts to suffer more or less. In concert with the Commissioner measures are being taken to reduce this file.

Average duration.

36. The average proportionate duration of contested cases during the year under report is 84 days, and of uncontested cases 41·8 days, against 57·8 and 34·2 in the previous year. In contested cases the duration is highest in the following districts :—

Wun	114·6 days.
Amraoti	110 „

The Wun Deputy Commissioner explains the figures for his district thus:—

"This high duration was due to non-appearance of parties and witnesses residing out of the jurisdiction of the court and the courts having had to make frequent adjournments on account of difficulties and delays in serving summonses on persons living in the Central Provinces and in His Highness the Nizam's territories.

"The old cases disposed of during the year under report have also to a certain extent affected the duration. The closing of the court at Kelapur for so many months also helped to raise the average duration."

The high average in Amraoti is explained by the Deputy Commissioner as follows:—

"This is also due to constant changes in the staff of officers. Of all the officers that worked during the year under report, only two officers were working throughout the year."

Of course such difficulties as Wun records and constant changes of officers, however unavoidable, adversely affect duration. I have had experience of the great delays and difficulties that attend the service of processes within the Nizam's country, and there is a remand case on the Resident's file, recently sent back by me from Basim, which well illustrates what the Deputy Commissioner, Wun, represents.

37. The following statement gives the average duration of contested and uncontested cases for each district:—

	1890.	
	Contested.	Uncontested.
Akola	76·5	39
Buldana	42·6	17·5
Basim	67·4	33·9
Amraoti	110	53·
Ellichpur... ...	98·8	52·8
Wun	114·6	73·1

I am not aware that it has ever anywhere been settled what is a fair average in these respects; each province must decide for itself, but in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts, seeing what the average value of suits litigated is, *viz.*, Rs. 124·7, it seems to me that anything above three months for contested and 45 days for uncontested cases may be deemed high and require notice; anything *below*, good. If this be accepted, the figures of Wun and Amraoti alone in contested work call for serious notice. Ellichpur is only a little over the mark, while the Basim and in particular the Buldana figures are creditable.

Wun has its special difficulties, situated between the Central Provinces and the Nizam's territories, and it is possible that there a longer period should be allowed.

By the proposed test, Buldana again in contested business shows very favourably, and the figures of Basim and Akola call for no comment. Wun, Ellichpur, and Amraoti are all high.

38. Personally I prefer to deal with the question of duration by the results that come to notice in cases called up for inspection and that come up in appeal, thus dealing individually and at once with the judge who may appear to be careless. So many and often altogether proper causes go to affect averages, that it is dangerous, I conceive, to let judges suppose that the mere figure results in this respect are a test relied upon to approve or condemn their work, lest, in fear of the form, they play up to it and scamp their work. I have tried consistently to impress upon judges that each case they touch should be concluded as quickly as possible, and that, provided their work is thorough in each, it is immaterial what the duration is, for then anything seemingly high is explainable.

E.—Original Miscellaneous Cases.

39. Imperial Statement IX, Part II, shows the result of trial of miscellaneous cases in the different courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts, and its information may be tabulated thus;—

TABLE N.

	1890.		1889.	
	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.
Without trial	826	28·9	810	27·7
Without contest	1,124	39·4	1,122	38·4
With contest and judgment given for plaintiff.	550	19·3	607	20·9
With contest and judgment given for defendant.	356	12·4	378	13·
Total ...	2,856	100	2,919	100

40. Compared with the year previous there is a slight decrease of 63 cases. This slight variation calls for no remark.

The figures show that 31·7 per cent. were contested as against 33·9 in 1889. Of contested cases, 19·3 per cent. were decided wholly or partially in favour of plaintiff.

41. The number of applications which remained pending at the close of 1890 was 468, or 12·6 per cent. of the number for disposal.

The average duration of contested cases was 67·9 days.

F.—Agency for disposal of Suits.

42. The following table shows how the suits disposed of during the year were distributed among the different classes of courts in the several districts :—

TABLE O.

Total No. of Judges. ...	5	9	4	2	25	2	
Districts.	Small Cause Court.	Sub-judges exercising Small Cause Court powers.	Naib-Tahsildars.	Tahsildars.	Extra Assistant Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Akola	3,771	...	592	...	1,888	...	6,251
Buldana	...	2,422	...	...	2,495	...	4,917
Basim	...	812	443	17	2,308	...	3,580
Amraoti	3,857	14	...	...	1,974	...	5,845
Ellichpur	..	1,216	...	95	2,069	7	3,387
Wun	...	667	...	...	1,678	6	2,351
Total ... 1890 ...	7,628	5,131	1,035	112	12,412	13	26,331
1889 ...	5,764	5,693	344	1,426	11,421	38	24,686
Percentage ... 1890 ...	29·	19·5	3·93	·42	47·1	·05	100
1889 ...	23·3	23·1	1·4	5·8	46·3	·1	100

Distribution of business.

The feature here is the rise in percentage under small cause courts and Naib Tahsildars. These courts along with Sub-judges having small cause court powers disposed of 52·4 per cent. of the work that fell to be done; the balance, excepting the very slight percentage done by a few Tahsildars, falling to Extra Assistant Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges.

G.—Execution of Decrees.

43. The execution work of the various civil courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts is shown in Imperial Statement No. XI.

Result of execution proceedings.

The disposals (26,014) came to 83·5 per cent. of the applications (31,131) for execution.

44. The following two tables, P and P-I, fully illustrate our working in this respect, table P-I detailing the work by districts:—

Table P.

	1890. Percentage.	1889. Percentage.
Completely executed	15·2	16·0
Partially do.	10·9	13·6
Struck off without execution	58·4	58·1
Transferred	15·5	12·3

Table P-I.

Execution work by districts in respect of moveable and immoveable property.

District.	Moveable.			Immoveable.				Remarks.			
	Attached.	In which sale followed.	Percentage.	Attached.	Sale followed.	Percentage.	Cases in column 6 in which collector leased lands.	Self-acquired.	Ancestral	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Akola ...	197	96	48·7	609	272	44·7	46	22	34	56	The number of land cases included in column 6 are shown in detail in the three last columns.
Buldana ...	135	134	99·2	250	250	100	4	...	...	...	
Basim ...	137	41	29·9	168	39	23·2	2	1	1	2	
Amraoti ...	216	85	39·4	246	82	33·3	20	8	10	18	
Ellichpur ...	163	88	54	279	128	45·9	32	2	9	11	
Wun ...	232	135	58·2	145	91	62	24	1	3	4	
Small Cause Court.											
Akola ...	54	30	55·6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Khamgaon ..	81	36	44·4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Telhara ...	156	68	43·6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Amraoti ...	120	87	72·5	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Badnera	68	39	57·4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

45. As was the case last year, the percentage of cases in which sale followed attachment, whether of moveable or immoveable property, is extraordinarily high in Buldana. I am not in possession of the exact reason for this, but I am enquiring. It is odd too that in Buldana (*vide* column 9) in not a single instance does land appear to have been sold.

Attachment and sale of moveable and immoveable property.

46. Applications for execution increased by 152, probably a result of two good seasons: a better prospect of recovering debts.

Remarks on working.

The courts disposed of a larger number of applications, thus reducing the pending file from 5,544 to 5,117.

There is a decrease in comparison with the figures of the preceding year in the percentage of cases completely and partially executed. The percentage of cases struck off without execution was almost the same as in 1889. High averages of infructuous applications are explained as being due to many of the applications having been solely for the purpose of keeping decrees alive and with no expectation of their being fructuous.

47. The total value of the decrees in execution during the year was Rs. 2,93,603-8-0, against Rs. 2,61,602-7-11 in the preceding year. Of this, Rs. 17,177-13-0 were paid voluntarily and Rs. 2,76,425-11-0 were realized by coercive process.

Realizations.

48. I have never been, and am still, not satisfied that the execution side of a judge's duty receives the attention and care that ought to be given to it; and I often regret that the law makes it inadmissible to concentrate such work in the hands of a special officer, who could give to it his undivided attention. The Resident is aware, however, from circular instructions that have issued, that efforts have been made to secure better results in the future.

Certain verbal representations in the direction of alleged necessary reform were made to the Commissioner and myself, when in attendance on the Resident at his camp at Akola, by some of the local leading vakeels, but though immediately called upon through the Deputy Commissioner to supply me with facts to go upon and definite suggestions to meet the shortcomings alleged, up to date I have had no answer.

49. There were 89 civil debtors in prison during the year, including 4 remaining from last year. Of these, 84 were released during the year and 5 were remaining at its close. The largest number of warrants of arrest was issued in the Amraoti district.

Arrest and imprisonment.

50. The total income on account of court and process fees during the year amounted to Rs. 3,65,412-6-0 including the amount realized in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, against Rs. 3,64,830-1-0 in the previous year.

Court and process fees.

51. There were 23 applications under chapter XX of Act XIV of 1882 for a declaration of insolvency, against 34 in the previous year. Eleven of these belonged to the Akola district. In the Ellichpur and Wun districts no application to be declared insolvent was made. Only four applications were granted. In two cases only was it found necessary to appoint a receiver, and the amount of creditors'

Bankruptcy.

claims admitted during the year was Rs. 2,264-8-0. No penal proceedings were taken, and 5 persons were declared insolvent and discharged as compared with 13 persons in 1889.

I have often noticed the objection amongst natives to take proceedings in bankruptcy; even when the circumstances are such that no dishonour would really attach, they think it is dishonouring. On the other hand, instances are frequent of the most indefensible and tortuous proceedings to defraud creditors when proceedings are imminent. This contradiction in the conception of the requirements of *honour* is most curious.

H.—Witnesses.

52. The following statement shows the attendance of witnesses during the past two years:—

TABLE Q.

Years.	Number of witnesses who attended.	Period of detention.			No. of witnesses examined.
		For one day.	For two days.	For three days and upwards.	
1890	43,511	39,538	3,161	812	23,391
1889	37,851	35,055	2,098	698	19,558

Attendance of witnesses.

53. The number of witnesses who attended the courts was 43,511, or 5,660 more than in 1889. The increase is attributable to the larger number of cases disposed of during the year.

The highest detention (six days) occurred in the Ellichpur and Akola districts. The Deputy Commissioner of the former district explains that this was owing to the heavy criminal work in the court of the Assistant Commissioner (Mr. Godwin Austin) which delayed civil case hearings. The explanation given by the Deputy Commissioner, Akola, is that, owing to sudden changes in the judges presiding in the Small Cause Court, Akola, hearings were adjourned and witnesses recalled.

PART II.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

Suits instituted.

54. The figures for these courts are included in the tables already reviewed. It may be remarked, however, that the courts stand judged by cases *instituted* during the year in the following order.—

Amraoti	... 2,283
Telhara	. 1,715
Akola	... 1,555
Badnera	... 1,371
Khamgaon	... 540

This gives a total of 3,808 small cause court cases in the Akola district and 3,654 in Amraoti.

PART III.—APPELLATE COURTS.

Institution of appeals.

55. The appeals for disposal including those pending from the year previous was 1,376, as compared with 1,450 in 1,889, being a slight decrease of 64, equivalent to 4·5 per cent. Of these appeals, 876 were disposed of, or 63·7 per cent.

56. Table R shows appeal institutions during the year in comparison with the year previous:—

TABLE R.

	Court of Judicial Commissioner.		Courts of Deputy Commissioners.		Court of Civil and Sessions Judge.		Courts of Civil Judges.		Total.		Percentage of appeals to appealable cases.	
	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.
Special appeals...	165	81	...	...	...	...	...	...	165	81	...	...
From decrees of ordinary civil courts ...	93	269	123	93	356	139	118	217	690	718	...	...
Total ...	258	350	123	93	356	139	118	217	855	799	6·2	5·9

The number of appeals instituted during the year shows an increase, although it is a very small one, and the percentage of appeals to appealable cases has also slightly risen. The Judicial Commissioner and Civil Judges had fewer appeals to decide, whilst the Civil and Sessions Judge and Deputy Commissioners had rather more appellate work than in the previous year. A fair comparison cannot, however, be made with the figures of 1889, which under the new system show six months' institutions only.

Appeals decided

57. The manner in which the disposal of appeals resulted in the different courts will be seen in the table below:—

TABLE S.

Courts.	Confirmation without notice to respondent.		Dismissed in default.		Remanded for trial.		Decree of lower courts.						Total disposed of.
							Modified.		Reversed.		Confirmed.		
	No.	Percentage of total appeals	No	Percentage of total appeals.	No.	Percentage of total appeals	No.	Percentage of total appeals.	No.	Percentage of total appeals	No.	Percentage of total appeals.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Court of Judicial Commissioner.	3	1·4	10	4·9	50	24·4	26	12·7	25	12·2	91	44·4	205
Court of Civil and Sessions Judge.	61	15 9	28	7 3	53	13·8	31	8	74	19 3	137	35·7	384
Total ...	64	10 8	38	6·5	103	17·5	57	9·7	99	16·8	228	38 7	589
District Appellate Courts.													
Akola	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	...	...	...	...
Buldana	10	17·9	5	8·9	10	17·9	6	10·7	11	19·6	14	25	56
Basim	51	27·1	27	14 4	12	6·4	14	7·4	34	18·1	50	26·6	188
Amraoti . ..	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ellichpur	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Wun	3	6·9	4	9·3	6	14	6	14	6	14	18	41·8	43
Total ..	64	22·3	36	12 5	28	9·8	26	9·1	51	17·8	82	28·5	287
Grand total ..	128	11·6	74	8·4	131	15	83	9·5	150	17·1	310	35·4	876

This table speaks for itself. Though the provincial average of cases confirmed without notice (column 3) has fallen, as compared with the figure of last year, the average of confirmed cases (column 13) has risen, and of the average of cases modified are slightly higher; the average of reversals are lower.

Appeals confirmed.

58. The main feature in this return is that confirmations in the Civil and Sessions Judge's Court (column 3 plus column 13) are 51·6 for the year under report, against 39·5 in the previous year, bespeaking an advance in the quality of the work that came before this court. Confirmations and remands stood thus :—

	Judicial Commissioner.	Civil and Sessions Judge.	District Court.
Confirmations ...	45·8	51·6	50·8
Remands, &c. ...	49·3	41·1	36·7

Appeals pending.

59. The appeals pending in comparison with the year previous are thus:

Courts	1889	1890.	Increase.	Decrease.
Judicial Commissioner	258	317	59	...
Civil and Sessions Judge	113	123	...	20
District Judges	93	60	...	33

The state of the files in the Civil and Sessions Judges and District Judges Courts calls for no remark. As to my own court it may appear from the rise of 59 cases that the Judicial Commissioner's Court is again getting more than it can manage, but till we have had the experience of another year, or perhaps even two, no conclusion can be safely drawn. The legacy that the new order had left it, explained in paragraph 37 of last report, included some very troublesome and intricate cases, and though in reality numerically a few more appeals were disposed of in the year under report than in the year previous, these cases were the cause of more not being done. In the current year, as the court will have to face chiefly cases of very recent date (for of the 317 pending cases, 259 are of cases of last year, mainly of 1890), I think a larger outturn will be possible. Anyhow, compared with the pending file in other high courts, I do not think the public interested has much to complain of when the bulk of high court appeals are not older than a year, some of the cases, of course, being much less.

With the exception of 26 cases, 24 being of 1889, which for various good reasons could not be got out of hand, all the old arrears shown in paragraph 37 of last year's report extending back to 1885 have been cleared, and we are, so to speak, fairly well up to date. The few old cases that remain are being hastened to conclusion as rapidly as possible.

60. As a matter of fact, the Judical Commissioner's Court in the year previous out of a file of 437 appeals disposed of 179, equal to 40·9 per cent., leaving pending 259. In the year under report to these 259 cases if we add 264 institutions we get a total of 522 appeals, and out of these 205 were disposed of, equal to 39·2 per cent., leaving pending the 317 above shown. This result may appear small; yet to get more done has not been really practicable, and as a matter of fact it may be stated that from 5 to 7 cases have been daily fixed for hearing. Very occasionally they may all be got through, but frequently old cases of difficulty keenly contested turn up to absorb time and bar the way. I recall one such case that took five days to itself in hearing the vakeels alone on either side.

61. I may mention, too, that in the year under report some considerable time was devoted to the inspection of courts at district head-quarters, so that, as

compared with the year previous, there was really by so much less time available for the disposal of appeals, and this slightly affects the outturn.

Of the 317 appeals pending, those over three months fall thus :

In Judicial Commissioner's Court	266
Civil and Sessions Judge	31
District Court	20

Average duration.

62. As to the average duration in appeals disposed of, the figures are thus:—

	Judicial Commissioner's Court.	Civil and Sessions Judge.	District Judges.
1890	498·3	148·7	164·8
Against in 1889	453·1	319·3	122·0
Rise	45·2	...	42·8
Fall	...	170·6	...

Here again the rise in the Judicial Commissioner's and District Judge's Courts over an already high average may appear regrettable, but, as fully explained in last year's report, till we are absolutely clear of the legacy of those old cases which we have recently been disposing of, in which the duration had already mounted up, we cannot show under this head creditable results. So far as my own court has been concerned, I have been taking those old cases in their order regardless of appearances as to duration. The Civil and Sessions Judge has happily got quit, I believe, of all old cases that went to him, and dealing with more recent filings has brought his average creditably down.

As before stated our work in this respect is still handicapped from causes beyond the control of the present judges.

63. The miscellaneous appeals are composed of appeals from orders under section 588, Act XIV of 1832, appeals in miscellaneous judicial cases, and those under Government of India (F. D.) No. 112-I, dated 19th July 1878. And their high duration is due to the fact that with a cause list already blocked and full of old appeals, early dates for hearing have not been assignable to them ; they take their chance and come up in their order ; no practical harm results to the appellants.

Part IV.—General.

Inspection of civil cases.

64. The following statement will show the number of cases the proceedings in which were called up for inspection by Deputy Commissioners :—

Table T.

Class of courts.	No. of cases called up including the balance of last year.	No. of cases transferred to Assistant Commissioner for inspection and report.	No. of cases inspected by the Deputy Commissioner himself.	Result of inspection.				No. of cases pending inspection at the close of the year.
				Cases in which procedure was found correct.	Cases in which errors were pointed out and communicated to officers concerned.	No. of cases ordered to be admitted under the G. N. No. 112-I, dated 19th July 1878.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Akola	249	96	153	124	125	...	249	...
Buldana	254	...	254	221	33	...	254	...
Basim	778	40	738	680	98	...	778	...
Amraoti	364	...	364	336	28	...	364	...
Ellichpur	478	...	478	463	15	...	478	...
Wun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
Total ... 1890 ...	2,123	136	1,987	1,824	299	...	2,123	...
Total ... 1889 ...	1,196	413	783	934	262	...	1,196	...

The total number of cases called up for inspection was 927 more than the number inspected during the preceding year. Of the 2,123 cases called up for inspection, Basim, as in the previous year, contributes the largest number. The Deputy Commissioners of Akola and Basim alone transferred a certain proportion of the cases called up to their assistants for inspection and report.

65. With regard to the supervision of the lower courts by Deputy Commissioners, it is seen from the above statement that 1,987 cases were inspected by them personally. More perhaps might have been expected from the Deputy Commissioners, Akola and Buldana, seeing that these officers have been relieved entirely of civil work.

66. The proportion of cases in which errors were pointed out and communicated to the officers concerned have been the largest in the Akola District, *viz.*, 125. The Deputy Commissioner has no remarks on these figures. No cases were inspected during the year in the Wun district. The Deputy Commissioner explains this thus:—

"I regret to have to report that no cases decided by the lower civil courts of this district were called up and inspected during the year under report. During the first quarter, January to March, Colonel Rennick was on tour in the district and had other work to attend to. When I took charge in April I had a number of important matters to enquire into and report on, besides having to write the annual reports for 1889-90, which pressed particularly heavily on me, as I had not held charge of the district for any portion of that period, and when I had cleared off the heaviest work, I went on leave Mr Hare, who held charge as Deputy Commissioner for little over five months, was doing the Deputy Commissioner's work as well as his own as Survey and Settlement Officer, so he also was obliged to leave the inspection of cases untouched."

I cannot admit this to be an adequate explanation. In the first quarter Colonel Rennick should certainly have inspected some cases; he had ample time to, and by a little arrangement something might have been done later, though both Mr. Elliot and Mr. Hare were undoubtedly much pressed.

Inspection work of Judicial Commissioner.

67. In addition to cases that came before the Judicial Commissioner in regular appeal, 205 other cases which it was deemed desirable to inspect were also specially called for and examined. Inspection reports too have been received from time to time from Deputy Commissioners.

68. The courts at Ellichpur were inspected by Colonel Mackenzie before going on leave, and those of Amraoti, Yeotmal, Buldana, and Basim by Mr. R. Obbard, while Officiating Judicial Commissioner.

The quality of the work remains about the same; some officers have done better, others not so well. With the sanction of the Resident during the year civil circulars on points of difficulty or requiring attention issued and are believed to have been found very useful, especially by those more recently joined officers who are learning their work.

Local bar

69. Table U showing the number of pleaders practising in the courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts is annexed:—

TABLE U.

Districts.	1887.		1888.		1889.		1890.		Remarks.
	Class A.	Class B	Class A	Class B	Class A	Class B	Class A	Class B	
Amraoti ..	4	24	4	26	5	29	*12	28	* This includes two barristers.
Akola ...	5	33	5	31	5	31	2	31	
Ellichpur ...	...	12	...	13	...	13	...	17	There are in addition enrolled 7 barristers and 12 pleaders residing without the province.
Buldana ...	...	12	...	12	...	12	...	17	
Basim ...	...	6	...	6	...	6	...	8	
Wun ...	...	4	...	5	...	5	...	7	
	9	91	9	93	10	96	14	108	
	100		102		106		122		

There has been, it will be seen, an accession of strength to the local bar during the year. Two barristers have been admitted and have taken up their residence at Amraoti. The Resident permitted four high court pleaders from Bombay to practice permanently in the courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts without passing the Berar test, and ten certificates were granted to the successful candidates at the examination of 1890, to which 50 came up, but 11 only passed by the lower standard.

70. I can add nothing to what I said last year of the local bar and their usefulness generally: the Officiating Civil and Sessions Judge who submitted the report says those practising before him rendered him great assistance.

71. After taking the opinion of the Civil and Sessions Judge, who has considerable opportunities of appraising the work turned out, I would this year specially name the following officers by districts :—

Notice of officers.

Buldana	...	Mr. Ambadas Santo, Captain Davies,
Akola	...	Mr. Azizudin, Mr. Deorao Jeykrishna,
Amraoti	...	Mr. W. N. Baput, Mr. O'Grady, Mr. Mubarak Ali, Mr. E. Sanjana,
Basim	...	Mr. Suraj Narrain,
Wun	...	Mr. Govind Raj,

for outturn and quality of work.

72. Since writing my last report, by the retirement of Mr. Shri Krishna Narhár and the death of Mr. Purshottum Rao, who both worked very creditably for part of the year under report, the judicial side has lost two very capable and hard-working officers.

73. The ministerial establishments everywhere are well reported on, and I would specially name Mr. Jones, the Superintendent of the Judicial Commissioner's office.

74. To Mr. Obbard, the Officiating Civil and Sessions Judge, I again tender my acknowledgments for much assistance rendered to me.

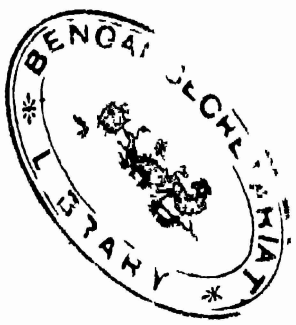
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K. J. L. MACKENZIE,

Judicial Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts.



APPENDICES.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. VII—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1890.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits under the rent law.								Title and other suits.																		Grand Total.	Remarks.
	Contract in writing	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and material.	Rent not falling under the rent law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or moveables not already mentioned.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint or other cause.	For partab or kabuliyats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from Agents.	All other suits under the rent law not included above	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Inter pleader suits	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 231, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																					
I—CIVIL COURTS																																					
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	5,010	1,451	1,232	74	103	11	74	219	77	109	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,324	90	21	369	67	...	...	25	1	76	60	...	...	...	...	2	...	126	10,521	
Small Cause Courts	8,104	1,506	1,863	137	266	121	102	156	52	150	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	12,397	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	205	96	51	1	1	3	3	8	23	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	198	17	8	186	12		...	8	3	17	6	..	..	...	1	..	13	863	
Chief Courts of Districts ..	850	149	83	1	1	2	3	61	12	8	...	..	.	...	..	...	...	..	479	50	9	158	33	3	...	3	4	33	24	..	..	1	..	3	...	3	1,973	
Grand Total .. 1890 ...	14,169	3,202	3,229	213	311	137	184	444	164	268	..		...	...	.	...	...	...	2,001	157	38	713	112	3		36	8	126	90	.	...	1	.	6	...	142	25,754	
Grand Total .. 1889 ...	14,903	2,791	3,499	114	30	164	171	334	278	212	...		...	...	..	...	...	..	1,760	194	35	559	104	6	...	14	4	60	63	..	...	..	...	6	...	155	25,776	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No VIII—(CIVIL)— *Statement showing the number and value of suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1890.

Class of Courts.	No. of suits instituted in the different Courts										Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs 10.	Not exceeding Rs 50	Not exceeding Rs 100.	Not exceeding Rs 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs 10,000.	Exceeding Rs 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money	Total value of suits	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
										Rs a p	
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.											
I—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals .	...	.		...	.	..	..	.	..	.	...
Village Courts .	..	...	..	.		...	..	...	..	.	
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	738	4,416	1,991	2,778	124	...	..	..	480	9,96,473 5 8	10,521
Small Cause Courts	830	6,492	2,945	1,992	138	.	..	..	..	9,97,664 15 0	12,397
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	35	191	179	262	50	19	..	...	127	1 47,489 15 5	863
Chief Courts of Districts	49	440	316	489	206	207	13	8	245	9,64,338 8 4	1,973
Total 1890...	1,652	11,539	5,431	5,516	517	226	13	8	852	31,05,966 12 5	25,754
Total 1889 .	1,694	11,581	5,399	5,525	553	289	11	4	720	28,59,403 15 0	25,776

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No IX—(CIVIL)—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1890.

PART I—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts	Total number of suits before the Courts	Number of suits disposed of											Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year	Average duration of suits.		Remarks
		Transferred to Courts in other districts	Without trial	Without contest				On reference to arbitration		With contest					Contested	Uncontested	
				Compromised	Decreed on confession	Decreed ex parte	Dismissed ex parte	For plaintiff	For defendant	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part	Judgment for defendant						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
I—Civil Courts																	
Unpaid Tribunals	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	.		...	.	..					
Village Courts		.	..	...		..	..				...	.	..				
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	12,072	...	1,177	1,603	3,197	1,520	110	34	12	2,219	737	1,443	607		93 9	44 8	
Small Cause Courts.	13,628	...	989	2,266	3,640	1,075	85	28	2	2,133	541	869	149		45·	31 7	
Districts Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	1,744	..	177	145	232	113	12	1		344	102	618	353		150 3	97 8	
Chief Courts of Districts	2,379	1	180	255	310	312	23	16	6	552	157	561	283		146 5	78 8	
Total 1890...	29,823	1	2,529	4,269	7379	5,020	230	79	20	5,268	1,537	3,491	1,392		84·	41 8	
Total 1889..	28,063	.	2,344	3,456	7,292	5,292	207	86	15	4,816	1,174	3,377	840		57 8	34 2	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No IX—(CIVIL) —*Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts of Original jurisdiction in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1890

PART II —MISCELLANEOUS CASES —(JUDICIAL)

Class of Courts	Total number of cases before the Courts	Number of cases disposed of: Transferred to Courts in other districts	Without trial	Without contest: Compromised	Decreed on confession	Decreed ex parte	Dismissed ex parte	On reference to arbitration: For plaintiff	For defendant	With contest: Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part	Judgment for defendant.	Pending at the close of the year.	No of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year	Average duration of cases: Contested	Uncontested
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR *I—Civil Courts.*															
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals ...	1,669	...	432	33	242	235	43	...	...	268	202	214	62	59 2	44 5
Small Cause Courts .	535		153	23	53	108	18		...	90	47	43	2	50 7	37·1
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	265	..	52	11	36	32	14	..	...	41	26	53	15	81 8	51·2
Chief Courts of Districts	799	..	176	16	172	80	7		...	143	81	124	44	90 7	66 7
Civil and Sessions Judge, H. A. D .	17	..	11	.	...	...	..	..	...	6	...	...	...	69 0	48 4
Judicial Commissioner's Court, H. A. D.... ..	39	.	2		..	1		.	...	2	...	34	21	284 5	278
Total ... 1890..	3,324	...	826	83	503	456	82	.		550	356	468	144	67 9	49 2
Total ... 1889	3,391	.	810	78	162	514	68	2		607	378	472	48	59 1	36 6

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No X—(CIVIL) —*Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1890.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES

Class of Courts	Total No of appeals before the Court	Transferred to Courts in other districts	Decisions confirmed Section 551, C P C	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard ex parte: Confirmed.	Modified	Reversed	Remanded	Contested: Confirmed	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded.	Pending	Of these pending more than 3 months	Average duration of appeals	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR. *Appeals from Original Decree.* A.—*Civil Courts.*																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	...	...		...	.	.	.	.	...	.	..	..		...	...	.	.
Do. of Districts	347	...	64	30	4	1	5		78	25	46	28	60	20	164·8	..	93
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ...	507	...	61	28	3	2	4	5	134	29	70	48	123	31	148·7	...	143
Total ... 1890 ...	854	...	125	64	7	3	9	5	212	54	116	76	183	51	155·6	...	236
Total ... 1889 .	1,011	18	156	59	13	3	3	11	225	48	136	103	236	138	190·5	2	17
B —*Revenue Courts.*																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	..	.	.		...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees .	246	...	1	6	4	1	.	1	54	17	13	32	117	95	515 1	2	150
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from appellate decrees	276	...	2	4	1	.	...	...	32	8	12	17	200	171	469 8	..	108
Total ..	522	...	3	10	5	1	..	1	86	25	25	49	317	266	498·3	2	258
Grand Total ... 1890 .	1,376	..	128	74	12	4	9	6	298	79	141	125	500	317	235 8	2	494
Grand Total ... 1889	1,715	288	201	68	15	3	3	11	267	62	172	134	494	319	240·7	2	609

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. X—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1890.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS—(JUDICIAL.)

Class of Courts.	Total No. of appeals before the Court.	Transferred to Courts in other districts.	Decisions confirmed, Section 551, C.P.C.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard ex-parte.			Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than 3 months	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Sec. 561, Act XIV. of 1882
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																
A.—*Civil Courts.*																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts ...	22	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	3	...	3	5	7	3	217·2	...
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ...	37	...	9	2	1	..	2	2	4	...	6	3	8	1	129·6	...
Total ... 1890 ...	60	...	9	5	3	...	2	2	7	...	9	8	15	4	160·7	...
Total ... 1889 ...	63	3	9	5	2	..	7	2	3	1	5	3	23	6	48·5	..
B.—*Revenue Courts.*																
Collector's Appellate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees. Appeals from appellate decrees.	259	...	15	10	3	...	1	1	47	5	8	14	155	78	388·4	...
Total ...	259	...	15	10	3	..	1	1	47	5	8	14	155	78	388·4	...
Grand Total... 1890...	319	...	24	15	6	..	3	3	54	5	17	22	170	82	319·7	...
Grand Total... 1889...	269	7	58	22	6	...	9	3	14	4	17	10	119	66	300·4	...

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XI—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1890.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of.				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized		Number of application.										
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property		On which immoveable property		On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.
												Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under Section 305, 322, or 326, Act XIV of 1882.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.												
1.—*Civil Courts.*																					
Unpaid Tribunals..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals ..	13,997	2,976	1,952	1,194	5,949	1,026	620	1,10,890 6 4	2,985 14 2	28	41	319	358	542	2	622	4	305	26	14	919
Small Cause Courts.	8,830	292	1,154	1,020	5,421	943	97	45,172 13 5	2,087 12 4	43	95	200	233	...	..	...	1	...	...	...	852
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts... ...	2,612	151	270	177	1,010	1,004	489	26,765 6 10	511 14 6	1	2	10	48	87	2	59	...	29	...	1	187
Chief Courts of Districts, ...	5,692	607	584	426	2,821	1,244	590	23,607 0 5	11,692 4 0	12	8	121	81	233	5	145	1	117	1	8	256
Total... 1890...	31,131	4,026	3,960	2,827	15,201	5,117	1,796	2,76,425 11 0	17,177 13 0	81	146	839	720	862	9	826	6	451	27	23	2,214
Total... 1889...	28,646	791	4,058	3,462	14,791	5,544	1,703	2,47,094 11 9	14,507 12 2	113	165	1,122	707	1,128	4	955	28	520	9	31	1,385

STATEMENT No. XII—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Chapter XX, Act XIV of* 1882, *in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1890.

Class of Courts.	Application for a declaration of insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under section 355.	Number of insolvents' estates, in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amount of insolvents' assets realized and disbursed.		Remarks.
	Total number for hearing.	Transferred to another district, withdrawn, &c.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 355.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
											Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	19	13	2	1	1	...	...	2	1	1	1,999 8 0	...	75 8 10	8 7 6	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	4	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	265 0 0	...	...	...	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	
Total 1890 ...	23	15	2	2	1	...	...	3	1	1	2,264 8 0	...	75 8 10	8 7 6	
Total 1889 ...	34	9	2	11	6	...	...	6	2	3	6,640 14 9	174 2 5	175 10 4	365 1 0	

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STATEMENT No. 1—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1890.

Class of Courts	No. of suits instituted in the different Courts.																			Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Value not exceeding Rs. 10			Value not exceeding Rs. 50.			Value not exceeding Rs 100.			Value not exceeding Rs. 500.			Value not exceeding Rs 1,000	Value not exceeding Rs 5,000	Value not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Value not exceeding Rs 1 00,000	Value exceeding Rs 1,00 000.	The value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total.		
	Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the rent law	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or moveables	Suits under the rent law.	Title and other suits	Suits for money or moveables	Suits under the rent law	Title and other suits	Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the rent law	Title and other suits.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
CIVIL COURTS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	Rs.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	Rs.	RS.	RS.	Rs. a. p	
Unpaid Tribunals	..	.	..	...	...			..	.	..	..	.	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	.....	
VILLAGE COURTS																					
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure.	639	.	68	3,693	...	435	1,378		359	1,867	.	457	14	...	..	..	. .	407	9,317	7,88,370	13 8
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers	150	..	..	1,303	. .	...	577	...	...	...	...		..	...	.	...	...	...	2,030	76,949	15 10
Small Cause Courts. — As Small Cause Court Judges.	468	..	..	3,625	.		1,737	...	..	1,494	..	.	138	..	...	..	...	..	7,462	6,48,362	9 5
Small Cause Courts. — Under powers of Subordinate Judge.	22	.	9	205	..	83	178	...	76	279	...	170	109	...	...	...	.	73	1,204	2,08,102	8 6
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure.	27	...	8	89	...	102	95	...	84	149	...	113	50	19	...	...	...	127	863	1,47,489	15 5
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	45	...	...	393	...		181	...	...	57	. .		...	...	...	...	..	...	676	39,548	9 8
Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary powers.	32	..	17	342	...	98	219	...	104	320	...	169	206	207	13	8	...	245	1,973	9,64,338	8 4
Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	167	...	...	1,171	...	...	450	...	...	441	...	...	. .	. .	...	...	...	...	2,229	2,32,803	12 1
Grand Total ... 1890.	1,550	..	102	10,821	...	718	4 808	...	623	4,607	...	909	517	226	13	8	...	852	25,754	31,05,966	12 5
Grand Total ... 1889.	1,605	...	89	10,981	...	600	4,938	...	461	4,660	...	865	553	289	11	4	...	720	25,776	28,59,403	15 9

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. II.—(CIVIL)—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts.	No. of suits before the Courts.								No. of suits disposed of.													Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of suits.					
									Without trial.			Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						Contested.			Uncontested.		
	Pending from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Remanded under Section 348.	Reviewed under Sections 99, 103, 104 or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of omitting transfers.			No. of cases, (columns 17 to 20.)	Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.	No. of cases (columns 10 to 16.)	Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure.	930	9,317	1,259	62	6	236	11,810	1,247	66	882	175	1,413	2,844	1,377	100	28	8	1,822	633	9,348	1,215	514	2,491	217,225	87·2	6,857	29,183	42·9
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	38	2,030	164	...	...	33	2,265	87	7	130	39	357	799	413	3	...	...	298	66	2,112	66	...	364	10,717	29·4	1,748	31,571	18·1
Small Cause Court. — As Small Cause Court Judges.	910	7,462	...	1	3	98	8,474	58	41	476	49	1,493	1,993	1,875	53	23	2	1,267	351	7,628	788	149	1,643	83,863	51·	5,985	201,745	33·7
Small Cause Court. — Under powers of Subordinate Judge.	388	1,204	25	9	4	10	1,640	131	7	29	18	190	353	143	10	6	4	417	104	1,281	228	93	531	66,648	125·5	750	46,334	61·8
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure.	238	803	859	23	1	41	2,025	281	13	144	20	145	232	113	12	1	...	344	102	1,126	618	353	447	67,169	150·3	679	66,437	97·8
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	...	676	274	...	...	17	967	271	15	70	18	111	226	97	20	...	...	80	44	681	15	...	124	4,356	35·1	557	16,884	30·3
Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure.	573	1,973	581	63	5	62	3,257	879	24	112	50	255	310	312	23	16	6	552	157	1,817	561	283	731	107,067	146·5	1,086	85,612	78·8
Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	300	2,229	21	...	...	17	2,567	229	8	108	23	305	622	690	9	5	...	488	80	2,338	...	...	573	22,719	39·6	1,765	68,338	38·7
Total 1890 ..	3,377	25,754	3,183	158	19	514	33,005	3,183	186	1,951	392	4,[illegible]	[illegible]	5,020	230	79	20	5,268	1,537	26,331	3,491	1,392	6,904	579,764	84·	19,427	811,104	41·8
Total 1889 ...	1,626	25,776	2,628	115	26	520	30,691	2,628	110	1,882	352	3,456	7,292	5,296	207	86	15	4,816	1,174	24,686	3,377	840	6,091	351,947	57·8	18,595	635,268	34·2

Supplemental statement showing the number of Civil Cases called up by the Deputy Commissioner for inspection from the Subordinate Courts during the year 1890.

Class of Courts.	No. of cases called up including the balance of last year.	No. of cases transferred to Assistant Commissioners for inspection and report.	No. of cases inspected by the Deputy Commissioner himself.	Result of inspection.				No. of cases pending inspection at the close of the year.	Remarks.
				Cases in which procedure was found to be correct.	Cases in which errors pointed out and communicated to officers concerned.	No. of cases ordered to be admitted under the Government Notification No. 112-J, dated 19th July 1878.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Akola	249	96	153	124	125	...	249	...	
Buldana ...	254	...	254	221	33	...	254	...	
Basim . .	778	40	738	680	98	...	778	...	
Amraoti ...	364	..	364	336	28	...	364	...	
Ellichpur ..	478	...	478	463	15	..	478	...	
Wun	...	...	. .	...	...	..	...	...	
Total 1890 ...	2,123	136	1,987	1,824	299	...	2,123	...	
Total 1889 ...	1,119	336	783	874	245	...	1,119	...	

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SUPPLEMENT TO JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. II—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the general result of Civil Suits disposed of by each officer in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

PART I—CIVIL SUITS.

No.	Name of Officer.	Designation.	Received otherwise.							No. of suits disposed of													Pending at the close of the year.	Of these pending more than 3 months at the close of the year.	Average duration of suits.				
											Without trial.				Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.					Contested.			Uncontested.		
			Pending from last year.	Instituted in the year.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562, Act X of 1877.	Reviewed under Section 626.	Reviewed under Sections 99, 103, 106 or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.			No. of cases (columns 10 to 22).	Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.	No. of cases (columns 12 to 18).	Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	AKOLA DISTRICT.																													
1	Mr. C. A. W. Davies	Special Asst. Comr.	21	17	9	1	...	...	48	...	1	...	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	5	2	13	...	...	7	582	83·1	6	17	28·7
2	,, Mahomed Yasin Khan	Do.	...	28	1	...	...	2	31	...	2	3	1	2	8	2	...	...	...	10	2	30	32	...	12	2,385	198·7	18	1,184	65·7
3	,, Manicksha Ruttunji	Do.	...	23	1	1	...	...	25	...	...	1	...	5	3	5	...	...	...	4	...	18	...	...	5	1,006	201·6	14	1,323	98·3
4	,, Shrikrishna Narhar	Extra Asst. Comr.	216	374	...	1	1	1	587	...	1	3	11	9	45	85	15	1	1	103	23	298	...	...	129	10,957	84·9	169	10,646	62·9
5	,, Deo Rao Jaikrishna	Do.	...	567	1	6	2	4	580	...	1	11	8	102	216	98	5	...	2	235	61	742	126	42	301	4 1,269	137·1	441	25,751	58·3
6	,, Manicksha Ruttunji	Do.	34	159	...	2	1	2	198	7	2	2	1	25	34	19	...	...	3	48	4	138	...	...	55	8,403	152·3	83	5,125	61·7
7	,, Eknath Moreshwar	Do.	...	10	...	...	...	1	11	...	...	2	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	6	3	16	...	...	9	1,048	116·4	7	374	53·4
8	Captain R. D Davies	Asst. Comr.	...	58	8	...	...	...	66	...	...	...	...	8	6	7	...	...	...	13	1	35	79	36	14	1,122	80·1	21	1,134	54
9	Mr. R. MacGill	Extra Asst. Comr.	144	32	16	...	...	2	194	123	1	2	...	7	8	4	2	...	...	12	6	46	...	...	22	3,472	157·8	24	2,591	107·9
10	,, Manicksha Ruttunji	Do.	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	6	23	15	1	377	377	5	713	142·6
11	,, Rustumji Furdunji	Asst. Comr.	...	428	131	8	...	22	589	35	15	30	7	50	74	39	6	4	3	132	41	401	40	25	180	18,893	105	221	11,344	51·3
12	,, Aziauddin	Extra Asst. Comr.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	12	15	4	...	1	...	35	25	95	11	2	61	4,140	67·9	34	1,324	38·9
13	,, Hyder Alli	Attaché	1	18	68	...	...	...	87	71	1	...	1	3	8	1	...	...	...	1	1	16	...	...	2	104	52	14	698	49·8
14	,, Safdar Alli Beg	Extra Asst. Comr.	...	18	38	...	...	2	58	25	...	8	1	1	10	5	1	...	...	3	4	33	...	...	7	752	107·4	14	1,298	49·9
15	,, Madhao Malhar	Acting Naib Tahsildar	...	23	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	1	1	8	10	1	...	...	...	2	...	23	...	...	2	102	51	21	1,274	60·7
16	,, Syed Morshudodin	Naib Tahsildar	...	157	...	...	...	1	188	1	...	5	1	31	114	19	...	...	...	7	7	184	3	...	14	301	21·5	170	4,138	24·3
17	,, Shaba Daji	Acting Naib Tahsildar	25	72	...	...	...	5	102	...	...	10	2	32	20	8	...	...	...	25	4	102	...	...	29	744	25·7	73	1,962	25·4
18	,, Madhao Rao Bulwunt	Naib Tahsildar	...	74	...	...	...	...	74	...	1	...	7	14	28	3	...	...	...	13	3	69	5	2	16	654	40·9	53	1,781	33·6
19	,, Mahomed Mia	Do.	3	211	...	...	...	4	218	...	1	13	1	50	57	18	5	...	...	43	4	192	4	...	47	1,063	22·6	145	1,964	13·5
20	,, Narayen Saharam	Acting Naib Tahsildar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	7	6	2	...	...	...	2	1	22	...	...	3	92	30·6	19	521	27·4
		Total ...	438	2,303	275	19	4	46	3,083	264	25	106	41	406	708	253	22	11	7	699	199	2,490	339	154	916	97,468	106·4	1,564	75,275	48·1
	BULDANA DISTRICT.																													
1	Colonel H. C. A. Szczepanski	Deputy Comr.	...	56	18	...	...	...	74	1	...	2	2	13	11	26	...	...	...	15	...	69	...	...	15	458	30·5	54	2,636	48·8
2	Kumar Shri Harbhamji	Civil Judge, Buldana	32	465	72	8	...	12	589	1	2	24	9	72	103	139	...	...	...	154	33	536	56	6	187	10,326	55·2	349	8,717	25
3	Do.	Asst. Comr., Malkapur	...	105	7	2	...	1	115	...	...	5	...	10	35	29	2	...	...	40	1	115	...	...	41	2,436	59·4	74	3,432	46·4
4	Mr. E. Marshall	Extra Asst. Comr., Malkapur	82	1,102	6	3	2	12	1,209	...	...	21	27	129	316	315	6	5	...	276	52	1,144	65	20	346	25,715	75·6	804	26,036	32·4
5	,, Bandhuji Janardhan	Do. Buldana ...	...	26	...	...	...	...	26	...	...	2	...	2	6	1	...	...	...	6	1	18	5	...	7	158	22·6	11	164	14·9
6	,, Ambadas Santu	Do. Mehkar ...	1	605	...	1	...	11	618	...	...	19	5	66	340	75	...	3	...	60	29	613	5	...	92	3,302	35·9	521	5,899	11·3
		Total ...	115	2,359	105	14	2	36	2,631	2	7	73	90	283	774	578	8	8	...	551	123	2,495	134	26	682	42,395	62·2	1,813	46,884	25·9
	UNDER SMALL CAUSE COURT POWERS.																													
1	Kumar Shri Harbhamji	Civil Judge, Buldana	15	941	...	...	...	3	959	90	1	15	11	136	184	283	...	...	...	220	19	969	...	...	230	3,845	14·	699	8,968	14·2
2	Do.	Asst. Comr., Malkapur	...	151	...	...	...	...	151	13	...	...	1	13	35	40	...	...	...	47	2	138	...	...	49	581	11·9	89	1,161	13·
3	Mr. Ambadas Santu	Extra Asst. Comr., Mehkar ...	6	1,403	...	...	...	24	1,433	...	...	55	36	237	670	264	...	...	...	119	34	1,415	18	...	153	1,470	9·6	1,262	9,388	7·4
			21	2,495	...	...	...	27	2,543	103	1	70	48	386	889	587	...	...	...	386	55	2,422	18	...	441	5,396	12·2	1,961	19,517	9·9
		Total ...	136	4,554	105	14	2	63	5,174	105	8	143	138	669	1,663	1,165	8	8	...	937	178	4,917	152	26	1,123	47,791	42·6	3,794	66,401	17·5
	BASIM DISTRICT.																													
1	Mr. P. Suraj Narain	Asst. Comr., ...	70	245	33	5	...	23	380	1	14	25	15	45	15	20	15	...	...	107	56	315	64	40	163	26,593	163·1	152	14,537	95·6
2	,, Keshcorao Jaikrishna	Extra Asst. Comr.	...	102	9	4	...	11	126	2	1	9	6	13	17	4	3	1	...	17	8	79	45	7	26	2,027	77·9	53	1,958	36·9
3	,, Ajudhia Prashad	Do.	48	886	106	10	...	14	1,066	38	6	147	15	214	248	103	6	12	...	171	94	1,019	4	...	280	10,332	36·9	739	18,073	24·5
4	,, C. Shamrao	Attaché	67	950	1	...	...	64	1,082	151	10	167	9	110	228	158	15	1	...	161	36	895	36	9	196	13,917	70·3	697	32,066	46
5	,, Ganesh Govind	Tahsildar	59	42	...	1	...	3	105	88	...	5	...	...	5	3	...	...	...	3	1	17	...	...	4	298	74·5	13	510	39·2
6	,, Narayen Raoji	Naib Tahsildar	6	426	...	1	1	9	443	...	2	21	4	98	157	93	4	...	...	54	10	443	...	...	64	1,118	15·9	379	4,368	11·5
		Total ...	250	2,651	151	25	1	124	3,202	280	33	374	49	480	670	381	46	14	3	513	205	2,768	154	56	735	54,185	73·7	2,033	71,510	35·2
	UNDER SMALL CAUSE COURT POWERS.																													
1	Mr. P. Suraj Narain	Civil Judge, Basim	70	169	7	...	...	4	263	...	5	34	2	40	44	56	6	...	...	36	17	242	...	...	53	2,769	52·2	189	7,573	40·1
2	,, Keshcorao Jaikrishna	Extra Asst. Comr., Basim ...	...	425	143	...	...	17	585	...	12	56	18	93	166	77	19	...	...	67	42	570	15	...	109	3,542	32·5	461	12,096	26·2
		Total ...	320	3,258	301	25	1	145	4,050	301	50	464	69	613	900	516	71	14	3	616	264	3,580	169	56	897	60,496	67·4	2,683	91,179	33·

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. II—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of Miscellaneous Cases in the several Courts of the H. A. D. during the year* 1890.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES.—(JUDICIAL.)

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1890.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of.											Total of columns 10 to 20, *i.e.*, disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending at the close of the year.	No. of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases in column 21.	
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Reviewed under Section 626.	Reviewed under Sections 99, 103, 108.			Without trial.			Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.					Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.
									Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for Defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	193	1,093	261	...	2	7	1,556	272	183	167	4	29	175	208	25	...	...	182	130	1,103	181	54	53,293	48·3
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers ...	19	48	2	...	...	...	59	11	13	1	...	...	4	29	...	...	...	1	...	48	...	...	523	10·9
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	42	354	...	...	...	2	398	...	39	62	4	22	36	57	18	...	...	77	43	358	40	2	15,020	42·
Small Cause Courts. — Under powers of Subordinate Judge ...	87	316	4	...	...	1	408	23	41	37	...	4	67	27	18	...	..	86	72	352	33	8	18,416	52·3
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	26	205	41	...	1	1	274	9	24	25	3	11	36	32	14	...	...	41	26	212	53	15	12,898	60·8
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers ...	...	28	8	...	...	...	36	5	8	...	...	1	...	18	...	...	...	1	...	28	3	...	1,797	64·2
Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	116	644	72	2	1	19	854	55	90	86	...	16	172	80	7	...	...	143	81	675	124	44	50,398	74·7
Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers ...	7	61	2	...	...	2	72	14	10	16	...	...	13	4	...	...	...	11	4	58	...	...	2,716	46·8
Civil and Sessions Judge ...	1	16	...	...	...	...	17	...	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	17	...	...	946	55·6
Judicial Commissioner	...	39	...	...	...	...	39	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	5	34	21	1,403	280·6
Total {1890 ...	481	2,804	390	2	4	32	3,713	389	420	395	11	83	503	456	82	...	...	550	356	2,856	468	144	1,57,410	55·1
Total {1889 ...	309	2,976	191	...	11	95	3,582	191	412	381	17	78	462	514	68	2	...	607	378	2,919	472	48	1,28,901	44·2

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. II-A—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing in detail further particulars and distribution of Civil Works in the several Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

Number.	Districts.	For disposal.			Total.	Disposed of																
							Percentage of cases.										Average duration.					
		Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received otherwise as referred to in Provincial Judicial Statement No. II. Part I.		Total No. of suits decided during the year exclusive of cases transferred to other Courts.	Rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	By arbitration.	Contested and decided in favour of plaintiff.	Contested and decided in favour of defendant.	Contested cases in favour of plaintiff to the number contested.	In contested cases.	In uncontested cases.	Number decided by European Judges.	Number decided by Native Judges.	Average number decided by officers of each class	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	Akola	438	2,303	342	3,083	2,480	1·1	4·3	1·7	16·4	28·5	10·2	·9	·7	28·2	8·	77·8	106·4	48·1	94	2,386	496·	
2	Buldana	115	2,359	157	2,631	2,495	·3	2·9	3·6	11·3	31·	23·2	·3	·3	22·1	4·9	81·9	62·2	25·9	1,213	1,282	623·7	
3	Basim	250	2,651	301	3,202	2,768	1·2	13·5	1·8	17·3	24·2	13·8	1·7	·6	18·5	7·4	71·4	73·7	35·2	...	2,768	692·	
4	Amraoti	668	2,349	1,369	4,386	1,974	·9	14·9	2·3	15·5	20·5	8·	2·3	·1	25·7	9·8	72·4	166·9	100·2	515	1,459	987·	
5	Ellichpur	281	2,226	323	2,830	2,171	·1	5·3	1·1	14·6	37·9	15·9	·4	1·2	17·7	5·8	75·4	119·5	51·5	59	2,112	434·2	
6	Wun	377	1,469	754	2,600	1,684	1·3	12·2	8	12·5	21·3	13·6	·8		28·6	8·9	76·2	131·7	82·6	203	1,481	561·3	
	Total ... 1890	2,129	13,357	3,240	18,732	13,572	·8	8·6	1·9	14·8	27·6	14·3	1·	·5	23·1	7 4	75·9	109·1	52·6	2,084	11,488	590·1	
	Total ... 1889..	1,112	13,720	2,842	17,674	13,229	·5	10	1·7	12·6	28·4	18·4	1·1	·5	20·9	5·9	78·1	73·5	41	2,070	11,159	322·7	
1	Civil Judges exercising Small Cause Court powers. Akola ...	.	...	...	....	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Buldana ...	21	2,495	27	2,543	2,422	·04	2·9	2·	15·9	36·7	24·2	..	...	15·9	2·3	87·5	12·2	9·9	...	2,422	1,211	
3	Basim ...	70	607	171	843	812	2·1	11·1	2·5	16·4	28·3	16·6	3·	...	12·7	7·3	63·5	38·9	30·3	...	812	406	
4	Amraoti	32	48	4	84	14	...	35·7	.	14·3	21·4	14·3	...	...	14·3	...	100·	32·	28·1	...	14	14	
5	Ellichpur .	215	1,106	13	1,334	1,216	·2	4·8	·8	10·2	32·1	28·7	·3	·4	18·9	3·6	83·9	59·2	54·9	...	1,216	1216	
6	Wun ...	.	679	311	990	667	1·5	12·6	·3	19·2	20·2	19·	·6	...	21·7	4·8	81·9	53·6	52·7	11	656	333·5	
	Total ... 1890...	338	4,935	526	5,799	5,131	·6	6·	1·6	15·1	32·1	23·3	·6	·1	16·9	3·7	82·	35·6	28·7	11	5,120	641·4	
	Total ... 1889...	125	5,917	414	6,456	5,693	·1	4·3	1·2	12·3	32·2	25·	·7	·1	20·9	3·2	86·4	28·6	24·8	313	5,280	569·3	
	Small Cause Courts.																						
1	Akola	147	1,555	22	1,724	1,442	1·5	8·3	·7	20·2	25·7	20·9	·7	·5	17·9	3·6	83·6	56·1	47·7	1,288	154	1,442	
2	Khamgaon	54	540	...	594	527	·4	·4	...	20·7	29·4	22·7	...	·6	22·6	3·2	87·7	49·4	37·	109	418	263·5	
3	Telhara	113	1,713	9	1,835	1,802	·6	2·4	·9	17·6	33·6	21·5	·6	...	18·5	4·3	86·	34·5	22·3	...	1,802	1,802	
4	Amraoti	107	2,283	23	2,413	2,038	·1	6·1	·6	22·2	23·7	33·1	·1	·7	9·5	3·9	70·7	61·5	32·1	...	2,038	2,038	
5	Badnera	489	1,371	48	1,908	1,819	·4	10·2	·5	17·8	21·1	21·5	1·6	...	20·	6·9	74·4	55·9	34·9	...	1,819	1,819	
	Total ... 1890...	910	7,462	102	8,474	7,628	·6	6·3	·6	19·6	26·1	24·6	·7	·3	16·6	4·6	78·3	51·	33·7	1,397	6,231	1271·3	
	Total ... 1889...	389	5,896	276	6,561	5,764	·6	5·6	1·1	18·8	29·5	25·1	·3	·6	14·9	3·5	80·9	72·9	28·8	1,504	4,260	1,441	
	Grand Total ... 1890...	3,377	25,754	3,874	33,005	26,331	·7	7·4	1·5	16·2	28·	19·	·9	·3	20·1	5·9	77·4	84·	41·8	3,492	22,839	711·6	
	Grand Total ... 1889...	1,626	25,776	3,289	30,691	24,686	·5	7·6	1·4	14·	29·5	21·5	·8	·4	19·5	4·8	80·5	57·8	34·2	3,887	20,799	484·	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. III-A.—(CIVIL)—*Statement showing the value and costs of appeals decided by the Appellate Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

Districts.	Total number disposed of.		Aggregate costs of appeals.			Average costs of appeals.			Percentage of costs to value.			Average value of appeals.	Remarks.
	Appeals	Value.	Necessary	Voluntary	Total	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES OF WHICH VALUE CAN BE FIXED.		Rs. a. p	Rs. a p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs a p	Rs. a p	Rs a. p				Rs. a. p.	†Refiled cases.
Wun	28	3,825 3 0	392 7 0	124 0 8	516 7 8	14 0 3	4 6 11	18 7 2	10·3	3·2	13·5	141 10 9	
Buldana	52	6,325 6 5	745 12 0	294 15 4	1,040 11 4	14 5 6	5 10 9	20 0 3	11·7	4 6	16·4	121 10 3	... 1
Basim	155	14,390 5 8	1,676 1 0	655 5 0	2,331 6 0	10 13 0	4 3 8	15 0 8	11 6	4·6	16·2	96 9 3	6
Civil and Sessions Judge { Amraoti ..	146	19,103 13 4	2,332 1 0	1,051 5 4	3,383 6 4	15 15 7	7 3 2	23 2 9	12·2	5·5	17·7	133 9 6	3
Civil and Sessions Judge { Ellichpur ..	36	5,150 3 6	600 11 0	311 7 10	912 2 10	16 11 0	8 10 5	25 5 5	11·7	6·	17·7	143 1 0	...
Civil and Sessions Judge { Akola ..	140	20,349 12 6	2,406 4 0	1,149 8 10	3,555 12 10	17 3 0	8 3 5	25 6 5	11·8	5·7	17·5	146 6 5	1
Total ..	557	69,144 12 5	8,153 4 0	3,586 11 0	11,739 15 0	14 10 3	6 7 0	21 1 3	11·7	5·2	16·9	126 10 3	11
APPEALS OF WHICH VALUE CANNOT BE FIXED.													
Wun	15	...	198 1 0	47 8 0	245 9 0	13 3 3	3 2 8	16 5 11	...	...	...	..	...
Buldana	4	...	37 5 0	29 12 0	67 1 0	9 5 3	7 7 0	16 12 3	...	...	...	...	...
Basim	33	.	392 12 0	193 5 0	586 1 0	11 14 5	5 13 9	17 12 2	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge { Amraoti ...	34	...	506 15 0	208 12 11	715 11 11	14 14 7	6 2 3	21 0 10	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge { Ellichpur ...	7	...	128 13 0	53 0 5	181 13 5	18 6 5	7 9 2	25 15 7	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge { Akola ..	21	...	322 12 0	111 13 11	434 9 11	15 5 11	5 5 3	20 11 2	...	...	...	..	...
Total .	114	...	1,586 10 0	644 4 3	2,230 14 3	13 14 8	5 10 5	19 9 1	...	...	...	...	...
MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.													
Wun	9	...	21 5 0	5 0 0	26 5 0	2 5 11	0 8 11	2 14 10	...	...	...	...	...
Buldana	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basim	7	...	9 5 0	0 8 0	9 13 0	1 5 3	0 1 2	1 6 5	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge { Amraoti ...	15	. .	28 1 0	2 0 9	30 1 9	1 13 11	0 2 2	2 0 1	...	..	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge { Ellichpur ...	3	...	17 13 0	5 15 4	23 12 4	5 15 0	1 15 9	7 14 9	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge { Akola ...	11	...	24 3 0	23 9 11	47 12 11	2 3 2	2 2 4	4 5 6	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	45	..	100 11 0	37 2 0	137 13 0	2 3 10	0 13 2	3 1 0	...	...	...	...	...
JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT.													
Appeals from original decrees of which value can be fixed,	109	1,13,601 4 10	7,614 13 0	6,298 12 5	13,913 9 6	69 13 9	57 12 7	127 10 4	6·7	5 6	12·3	1,061 11 1	2
Do. of which value cannot be fixed ...	20	...	473 2 0	791 2 9	1,264 4 9	23 10 6	39 8 11	63 3 5	...	...	...	...	...
Do. appellate decrees of which value can be fixed.	61	7,667 8 11	1,011 13 0	600 1 6	1,611 14 6	16 9 4	9 13 4	26 6 8	13·2	7·8	21·	127 12 8	1
Do. do cannot be fixed	15	...	264 5 0	124 6 5	388 11 5	17 9 11	8 4 8	25 14 7	...	...	.	...	...
Miscellaneous appeals	104	...	595 5 6	3,057 8 11	3,652 14 5	5 11 7	29 6 4	35 1 11	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	309	1,21,268 13 9	9,959 6 6	10,872 0 1	20,831 6 7	32 3 8	35 3 0	67 6 8	8·3	8 9	17·2	395 15 8	3
Grand Total ... { 1890 ..	1,025	1,90,413 10 2	19,799 15 6	15,140 1 4	34,940 0 10	19 5 1	14 12 4	34 1 5	10·4	8·	18·4	188 5 6	14
Grand Total ... { 1889 ..	1,079	2,03,042 2 5	17,628 5 0	9,598 7 4	27,226 12 4	16 5 5	8 14 4	25 3 9	8·7	4·7	13·4	191 14 7	21

Supplemental statement showing the value and costs of appeals decided in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1890.

Value of Appeals	No. of appeals disposed of.	Aggregate value of appeals.	Aggregate cost of appeals.	Average value of appeals.	Average cost of appeals.	Percentage of costs to value.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Not exceeding Rs. 10	22	146 12 8	97 1 1	6 10 9	4 6 7	66·2	...
Do. 50	176	5,808 13 1	1,599 1 5	33 9 3	9 1 4	27·5	3 refiled.
Do. 100	158	11,457 7 8	2,329 5 0	74 6 5	14 11 11	20·3	4 do
Do. 500	302	69,404 15 0	11,043 1 5	233 11 0	36 9 1	15·9	5 do
Do. 1,000	35	26,447 13 8	3,660 15 5	755 10 5	104 9 7	13·8	...
Exceeding Rs. 1,000	34	77,147 12 1	8,535 14 8	2,410 13 11	251 0 11	11·1	2 do
Total ...	727	1,99,413 10 2	27,265 70	267 0 11	37 8 1	14 3	14 do
Appeals of which value cannot be fixed	149	...	3,883 14 5	...	26 1 1	...	...
Miscellaneous appeals	149	...	3,790 11 5	...	25 7 1	...	...
Grand Total ... 1890 ...	1,025	1,90,413 10 2	34,940 0 10	188 5 6	34 1 5	18·4	14 do
Grand Total ... 1889 ..	1,079	2, 3,043 2 5	27,226 12 4	191 14 7	25 3 9	13·4	21 do

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. IV—(CIVIL.)—*Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of decrees in the several Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

Class of Courts.	No. of applications dealt with.					Applications disposed of.						Details of entries in column 9.						Amount realized.		No. of applications.											
	Pending at the end of last year.	Filed		Restored to the file for any cause.	Total.	Transferred.		Wholly or partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	Total.	Pending at the end of the year.	No. of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court.	Adjusted under Section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process.	Satisfaction obtained without the issue of process.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested under Section 330, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property		On which immoveable property			On which possession was given		On which partition was effected, Section 258.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns	Remarks.
		The decrees being those of the Court where execution is taken out.	The decrees being those of other Courts transferred for execution.			To another Court, under Section 223.	To the Collector, under Section 320.															Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	Was sold with under Sections 306, 322, or 326.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	On which specific performance was enforced.	Of moveables, Section 259.	Of immoveables, Sections 268 and 275.			Note the No. of entries in columns 4 and 7 where the decrees have been transferred from or to another district or province.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.											
CIVIL COURTS.																															
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure	1,697	6,203	2,857	7	10,764	2,240	272	2,278	4,447	9,237	1,527	502	1,447	831	1,622	656	2,212	66	77,602 15 1	2,692 0 2	98	34	234	375	316	2	328	21	3	230	13	652	
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers	24	439	6	...	469	36	...	90	295	427	42	3	76	20	82	34	95	1	2,479 3 3	17 5 10	3	6	18	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	
Small Cause Courts. — As Small Cause Judges	1,091	6,306	45	2	7,444	14	...	1,972	4,589	6,575	869	94	989	983	657	1,315	1,936	36	37,838 15 11	1,357 4 2	40	89	260	219	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	737	
Small Cause Courts. — Under powers of Subordinate Judges	843	2,121	263	6	3,233	195	269	868	1,502	2,834	399	118	505	363	629	239	861	7	33,277 7 3	193 14 0	...	7	85	83	226	...	294	5	1	75	1	267	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	479	1,455	675	3	2,612	114	37	447	1,010	1,608	1,004	489	270	177	340	107	441	6	26,765 6 10	511 14 6	1	2	309	418	87	2	59	..	...	29	1	187	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	63	2	...	65	11	...	7	21	39	26	...	7	...	4	3	5	2	190 1 0	159 0 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chief Court of District. — Under ordinary procedure	1,325	3,407	956	4	5,692	349	258	1,020	2,821	4,448	1,244	596	664	436	5	295	997	23	93,607 9 5	11,692 4 0	12	6	121	61	233	5	145	1	1	117	8	256	
Chief Court of District. — Under Small Cause Court powers	85	739	28	...	852	231	...	99	516	846	6	...	32	17	65	34	94	5	4,664 9 3	594 2 3	...	...	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	
Total ... 1890	5,544	20,733	4,832	22	31,131	3,190	838	6,787	15,201	26,014	5,117	1,796	3,960	2,852	4,104	2,688	6,641	146	276,425 11 0	17,177 13 0	84	146	839	720	862	9	826	27	6	451	23	2,214	
Total ... 1889	5,288	21,930	3,714	41	30,979	2,333	791	7,520	14,791	25,435	5,544	1,703	4,058	3,412	4,593	2,988	7,360	160	247,894 11 9	14,507 12 2	113	165	1,128	797	1,128	4	955	9	28	528	31	1,333	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. V—(CIVIL).—*Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX of Act XIV of* 1882 *in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

PART I.—*Showing the number and the result of applications under section* 344 *and the number of Insolvents before the Court.*

Class of Court.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency.															Persons declared to be insolvents.									
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Number of applications dealt with.					Applications disposed of.									No. of insolvents before the Court.				Disposed of.					Remaining at the close of the year.	Remarks.
		Filed during the year.				Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Granted.		Rejected.				Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Discharged				
		By judgment debtors.			Received by transfer.				A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.									Under section 351.	Under section 355.		
		Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.	By decree-holders.																						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	5	8	6	..	..	19	...	13	2	1	1	...	...	17	2	1	3	...	4	...	...	3	1	...	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	1	2	1	...	1	5	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	...	1	..	...	1	...	...	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...		.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total 1890...	6	10	7	...	1	24	1	15	2	2	1	...	...	20	8	1	4	...	5	...	...	4	1	...	
Total 1889...	6	27	1	...	2	36	2	9	2	11	6	...	...	30	6	4	29	1	34	2	...	11	2	4	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. V—(CIVIL).—*Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX of Act XIV of* 1882 *in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

PART II.—*Showing the number of estates in the hands of receivers and the progress made in winding them up.*

Name of Court.	No. of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers.				Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.				Remarks.
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a receiver during the year.	No. of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realized assets in the hands of receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of receivers at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered ...	4	1	1	4	41,535 1 1	1,999 8 0	17,833 11 3	...	43,534 9 1	303 1 2	75 8 10	8 7 6	370 2 6	
Chief Courts of Districts... ...	8	...	...	8	22,353 1 6	265 0 0	...	...	22,618 1 6	134 4 0	...	...	134 4 0	
Superior Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total { 1890 ...	12	1	1	12	63,888 2 7	2,264 8 0	17,833 11 3	...	66,152 10 7	437 5 2	75 8 10	8 7 6	504 6 6	
Total { 1889 ...	13	...	3	10	57,421 6 3	6,670 14 9	2,869 0 0	174 2 5	63,888 2 7	626 11 10	175 10 4	365 1 0	437 5 2	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. VI.—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the value and costs of Original Suits and Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial) decided in the several districts during the year* 1890.

No.	Districts.	Total number disposed of and value.		Aggregate costs of suits and miscellaneous cases.			Average costs of suits and miscellaneous cases.			Percentage of costs to value of suits.			Average value of suits.	Refiled cases.
		Suits.	Value.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	ORIGINAL SUITS OF WHICH VALUE CAN BE FIXED.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.				Rs.	
1	Akola	2,345	3,93,242 12 10	41,775 14 0	18,235 2 4	60,011 0 4	17 13 1	7 12 5	25 9 6	10·6	4·6	15·2	171 12 9	56
2	Buldana	2,391	2,99,905 11 5	32,375 2 0	12,556 2 6	44,931 4 6	13 8 8	5 4 0	18 12 8	10·7	4·2	14·9	1 28 10 9	61
3	Basim	2,694	2,20,938 15 11	24,261 1 0	6,014 15 6	30,277 0 6	9 0 1	2 3 9	11 3 10	10·9	2·8	13·7	85 6 5	07
43	Amraoti	1,752	3,51,703 4 4	34,299 2 0	13,691 12 4	47,990 14 4	19 9 3	7 13 0	27 6 3	9·7	3·8	13·5	200 5 0	49
5	Ellichpur	2,038	3,75,549 5 2	27,823 12 0	11,295 12 6	39,119 8 6	13 10 5	5 8 3	19 3 1	7·4	3·	10·4	186 3 1	2
6	Wun	1,527	2,35,389 0 8	23,942 10 0	4,730 4 2	28,672 14 2	15 10 10	3 1 7	18 12 5	10·2	2·	12·2	159 10 1 1	53
	Total ...	12,747	18,79,668 2 6	1,81,478 9 0	66,523 15 10	2,51,002 8 10	14 7 7	5 3 5	19 11 1	9·8	3·5	13·4	51 9 5	347
	SUITS OF WHICH VALUE CANNOT BE FIXED.													
1	Akola	135	..	2,054 1 0	759 6 5	2,813 7 5	15 3 5	5 10 0	20 13 5	...	...	...	...	...
2	Buldana	104	...	1,100 13 0	331 12 9	1,432 9 9	10 9 4	3 3 1	13 12 5	...	...	...	...	...
3	Basim	74	...	1,358 2 0	534 9 9	1,892 12 6	18 5 8	7 3 7	25 9 3	...	...	...	...	...
4	Amraoti	222	...	2,975 3 0	716 4 8	3,691 7 8	13 6 6	3 3 7	16 10 1	...	...	...	...	...
5	Ellichpur	133	...	2,101 14 0	1,042 4 6	3,144 2 6	15 12 10	7 13 4	23 10 2	...	...	...	...	...
6	Wun	157	...	2,693 9 0	402 3 0	3,095 12 0	17 2 6	2 8 11	19 11 5	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	825	...	12,283 11 0	3,786 7 10	16,070 2 10	14 14 5	4 9 5	19 7 8	..	...	...	...	...
	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.													
1	Akola	529	...	1,872 11 4	1,114 8 11	2,987 4 3	3 8 8	2 1 8	5 10 4	...	...	...	...	...
2	Buldana	377	...	756 2 0	145 12 4	901 14 4	2 0 1	0 6 2	2 6 3	...	...	...	...	...
3	Basim	382	...	264 0 0	40 12 0	304 12 0	0 11 1	0 1 8	0 12 9	...	...	...	...	...
4	Amraoti	506	...	1,919 7 0	577 14 6	2,497 5 6	3 12 8	1 2 3	4 14 11	...	...	...	...	...
5	Ellichpur	315	...	939 11 0	225 15 0	1,165 10 0	2 15 9	0 11 5	3 11 2	...	...	...	...	...
6	Wun	233	...	427 4 0	84 5 0	511 9 0	1 13 4	0 5 9	2 3 1	...	...	...	...	...
7	Civil and Sessions Judge, Hyderabad Assigned Districts...	17	...	86 3 0	52 5 8	138 8 8	5 1 1	3 1 4	8 2 5	...	...	...	...	...
8	Judicial Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts ...	5	...	169 6 0	92 13 8	262 3 8	33 14 0	18 9 2	52 7 2	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	2,364	...	6,434 12 4	2,334 7 1	8,769 3 5	2 11 7	0 15 9	3 11 4	...	...	...	...	..
	SMALL CAUSE COURTS.													
1	Akola	1,442	1,25,222 7 4	13,929 14 4	4,095 5 11	18,025 3 11	9 10 7	2 13 5	12 8 0	11·1	3·3	14·4	88 5 11	25
2	Khamgaon	527	53,819 14 9	6,103 12 6	290 8 6	6,394 4 0	11 9 4	0 8 10	12 2 2	11·3	·6	11·9	102 2 0	...
3	Telhara	1,802	1,28,574 1 3	14,606 6 0	4,996 6 0	19,602 12 0	8 1 8	2 12 4	10 14 0	11·4	3·9	15·3	71 10 1	7
4	Amraoti	2,038	1,81,930 10 0	19,246 8 9	829 0 6	20,075 8 6	9 8 4	0 6 7	9 14 11	10·6	·4	11·	90 0 3	17
5	Morsi	14	527 15 6	69 8 0	5 2 6	74 10 6	4 15 5	0 5 11	5 5 4	13·2	1·	14·2	37 11 4	...
6	Bodnera	1,819	1,25,265 1 2	16,933 9 8	963 4 11	17,896 14 5	9 4 11	0 8 6	9 13 5	13·5	·8	14·3	70 8 6	48
7	Buldana	2,422	1,03,480 6 1	11,682 12 0	4,188 3 9	15,870 15 9	4 13 2	1 11 8	6 8 10	11·3	4·	15·3	42 11 7	...
8	Basim	812	49,094 11 4	6,543 4 6	1,769 3 6	8,312 7 0	8 0 11	2 2 10	10 3 9	13·1	3·6	16·7	62 8 2	17
9	Ellichpur	1,218	96,835 0 0	10,339 6 0	628 8 6	10,977 14 6	8 8 6	0 8 5	9 0 5	10·6	·6	11·2	80 2 2	7
10	Wun	667	27,807 12 9	4,112 6 0	483 2 1	4,595 8 1	6 2 8	0 11 7	6 14 3	14·8	1·7	16·5	42 1 1	6
	Total ...	12,759	8,93,207 15 8	103,567 5 6	18,258 11 8	10,21,826 1 2	8 1 11	1 6 11	9 8 8	11·6	2	13·6	70 10 11	122
	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.													
1	Akola	63	...	112 7 0	37 11 11	150 2 11	1 12 7	0 9 7	2 6 2	...	...	...	...	...
2	Khamgaon	18	...	84 15 0	8 8 6	93 7 6	4 11 6	0 7 7	5 3 1	...	...	...	...	...
3	Telhara	60	...	184 3 0	56 5 0	240 8 0	3 1	0 15 0	4 0 1	...	...	...	...	...
4	Amraoti	95	...	287 1 0	10 10 0	297 11 0	3 0 3	0 1 9	3 2 1	...	...	...	...	...
5	Morsi	4	...	2 0 0	...	2 0 0	0 8 0	...	0 8 0	...	...	...	...	...
6	Budnera	122	...	265 13 0	12 9 0	278 6 0	2 2 10	0 1 8	2 4 6	...	...	...	...	...
7	Buklana	55	...	47 1 0	3 11 0	50 12 0	0 13 8	0 1 1	0 14 9	...	...	...	...	...
8	Basim	32	...	18 7 0	...	18 7 0	0 9 3	...	0 9 3	...	...	...	...	...
9	Ellichpur	36	...	34 7 0	5 0 0	39 7 0	1 2 4	0 2 8	1 5 0	...	...	...	...	...
10	Wun	13	...	6 0 0	0 8 0	6 8 0	0 7 5	0 0 7	0 8 0	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	492	...	1,042 6 0	134 14 11	1,177 4 11	2 1 11	0 4 5	2 6 3	...	...	...	...	...
	Grand Total ... (1890...	29,187	2,772,876 2 8	3,07,806 11 10	91,038 9 4	3,98,845 5 2	10 8 4	3 1 11	13 10 3	11·1	3·3	14·4	96 8 11	489
	(1889...	27,601	2,640,990 11 10	2,77,348 13 8	98,675 1 2	3,67,023 14 10	10 0 9	3 4 0	13 4 9	10·5	3·4	13·9	97 5 3	476

Supplemental Statement showing the value and costs of Original Suits decided in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1890.

Value of suits.	No. of suits disposed of.	Aggregate value of suits.	Aggregate cost of suits.	Average value of suits.	Average cost of suits.	Percentage of costs to value.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Not exceeding Rupees 10	1,666	11,617 9 11	5,009 10 5	7 1 11	3 0 1	43·1	34
Do. „ 50	11,854	3,40,761 5 1	66,287 13 7	29 3 1	5 9 6	19·5	181
Do. „ 100	5,538	3,84,322 13 4	60,467 13 9	70 11 10	10 14 8	15·7	105
Do. „ 500	5,678	12,37,893 5 1	1,46,616 5 8	222 7 1	25 13 2	11·8	113
Do. „ 1,000	536	3,22,497 6 1	42,387 8 9	628 10 5	79 1 4	13·1	23
Do. „ 5,000	224	4,06,998 13 6	45,026 14 6	1,919 12 11	201 0 2	11·1	12
Do. „ 10,000	8	45,151 3 6	4,522 9 8	6,450 2 9	565 5 2	10·	1
Exceeding „ 10,000	2	23,633 9 6	2,511 13 8	11,816 12 9	1,255 14 10	10·6	...
Suits of which value cannot be fixed ..	825	...	16,070 2 10	...	19 7 8	...	...
Total 1890 ..	26,331	27,72,876 2 0	3,88,898 12 10	107 3 6	14 12 4	14·	469
Total 1889 ..	24,686	26,40,090 11 10	3,56,997 0 6	109 0 9	14 7 5	13·6	476

NOTE.—Miscellaneous cases (Judicial) have been omitted from this statement.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. VII—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing litigation regarding survey numbers in the Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

Number.	Districts.	Suits relating to survey numbers included in column 20, Judicial Statement No. VII.					Suits to declare or establish right in survey Nos. included in column 23 Judicial Statemen No. VII.
		Suits to recover possession under Sections 8 and 9 of the Specific Relief Act	Other suits between parties claiming as proprietors.	Other suits between the proprietors of survey Nos. and sub-tenants.	Suits not included in the foregoing columns.	Total No. of suits.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Akola ...	10	172	16	93	291	32
2	Buldana ...	53	33	184	...	270	7
3	Basim ...	6	1	93	70	170	5
4	Amraoti ...	12	386	14	50	462	305
5	Ellichpur ...	7	21	49	130	207	37
6	Wun ...	23	23	7	18	71	92
	Total ... 1890 .	111	636	363	361	1,471	478
	Total ... 1889...	84	435	244	529	1,292	378

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No VII.-A.—(CIVIL)—*Statement showing litigation regarding Watandari suits in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

Description of Watans.	Watandari suits included in columns 21 and 24 of Judicial Statement No. VII.						
	Akola	Buldana.	Basim	Amraoti.	Ellichpur.	Wun	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Deshmukhs ..	4	...	4	4	2	...	14
Deshpandias ...	2	..	..	2	. .	.	4
Patels ...	1	. .	5	4	2	2	14
Patwaris ..	1	...	1	1	..	...	3
Joshis ..	5	1	1	. .	2	3	12
Mullas and Kazis ...	...	...	..	2	...	...	2
Mahars	2	2	3	4	2	1	14
Other Watandari suits not included above..	.	...	...	3	..	...	3
Total .. 1890 ..	15	3	14	20	8	6	66
Total .. 1889...	16	12	4	18	2	2	54

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. VIII—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the disposal of land or other immoveable property under Sections* 321 *and* 323 *of the Code of Civil Procedure in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts for the year* 1890.

No.	Districts.	Number of instances in which land paying revenue to Government was attached.	Number of instances in which immoveable property was dealt with under Section 321 of the Code of Civil Procedure.	Number of instances in which the Deputy Commissioner as Collector took steps under Section 323 of the Code of Civil Procedure.					No. of instances in which the sales of land recommended,		No. of instances in which the sales actually took place.		Period for which the temporary alienation was made.					Remarks.
				A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	Self-acquired.	Ancestral.	Self-acquired.	Ancestral.	For 1 year and under.	For 3 years and under.	For 5 years and under.	For 10 years and under.	Above 10 and not exceeding 20 years.	
1	2	3	4	5					6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Akola ...	398	261	...	...	56	46	159	26	35	22	34	4	11	14	9	8	
2	Buldana ...	119	7	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	
3	Basim ...	44	12	...	...	...	2	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	
4	Amraoti ...	272	85	...	...	18	20	47	8	16	8	10	2	5	7	3	3	
5	Ellichpur ...	157	171	...	...	11	32	119	33	14	2	9	6	4	10	9	3	
6	Wun ...	31	28	...	...	4	24	...	4	9	1	3	2	3	6	8	5	
	Total 1890...	1,021	564	...	...	89	128	325	74	69	34	57	14	23	37	31	23	
	Total 1889...	1,160	386	16	1	150	135	299	66	106	53	97	8	40	25	43	19	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. IX—(CIVIL)—*Statement showing the number of Civil Debtors imprisoned and released in the several districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

No.	District.	Remained from last year.	Imprisoned during the year.	Total.	Released during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Akola	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Buldana	1	10	11	10	1	
3	Basim	1	5	6	6	...	
4	Amraoti	1	19	20	19	1	
5	Ellichpur	...	8	8	8	...	
6	Wun	...	..	...	...	...	
	Total ..	3	42	45	43	2	
1	Sub-Judges exercising Small Cause Court powers Buldana ...	...	3	3	2	1	
	Total ...	...	3	3	2	1	
	SMALL CAUSE COURTS.						
1	Akola	1	10	11	10	1	
2	Khamgaon	..	4	4	4	...	
3	Telhara	...	...	...	...	...	
4	Amraoti	...	6	6	5	1	
5	Badnera	...	20	20	20	...	
	Total ...	1	40	41	39	2	
	Grand Total ... 1890.	4	85	89	84	5	
	Grand Total ... 1889.	19	107	136	132	4	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. X.—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the amounts realized under different heads of the Court Fees Act in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

No.	District.	Amount realized on account of court fees — In labels. Civil.	Criminal.	Revenue.	Total	Amount realized on account of process fees — In labels. Civil.	Criminal	Revenue.	Total.	Grand total of columns 6 and 10.	Total cost of process service establishment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Akola	39,004 10 0	3,211 8 0	...	42,216 2 0	11,538 1 0	2,387 13 0	..	13,925 14 0	56,142 0 0	4,714 2 2
2	Buldana	31,001 14 0	1,756 9 0		32,758 7 0	8,413 15 0	1,677 2 0	...	10,091 1 0	42,849 8 0	9,125 7 10
3	Basim	21,756 3 0	1,292 6 0	..	22,858 9 0	6,544 8 0	1,007 8 0	...	7,552 0 0	30,410 9 0	7,119 6 9
4	Amraoti	40,057 12 0	2,889 4 0	.	42,947 0 0	10,129 14 0	2,628 0 0	..	12,757 14 0	55,704 14 0	8,582 11 4
5	Ellichpur	26,467 6 0	1,230 5 0	...	27,697 11 0	7,186 9 0	765 3 0	..	7,951 12 0	35,649 7 0	7,822 7 4
6	Wun	21,237 6 0	1,003 5 0	..	22,340 11 0	5,744 0 0	619 10 0	...	6,363 10 0	28,704 5 0	6,017 13 5
	Total ...	1,79,435 3 0	11 383 5 0	.	1 90,818 8 0	49,556 15 0	9,085 4 0	.	58,642 3 0	2,49,460 11 0	43,382 0 10
	Small Cause Courts.										
1	Akola	11,804 2 0	..		11,804 2 0	3,581 3 0		..	3,581 3 0	15,385 5 0	2,836 7 2
2	Khamgaon	5,515 9 0		...	5,515 9 0	1,308 11 0	...	...	1,308 11 0	6,824 4 0	2,255 4 1
3	Telhara	11,493 10 0	13 11 0	...	11,507 5 0	3,231 13 0	10 0 0	.	3,241 13 0	14,749 2 0	6,227 1 5
4	Amraoti	18 969 12 0		..	18,969 12 0	5,859 12 0	.	...	5,859 12 0	24,829 8 0	4,139 0 1
5	Badnera	9.647 1 0	...	...	9,647 1 0	3,240 8 0		...	3,240 8 0	12,887 9 0	3,294 9 9
	Total	57,430 2 0	13 11 0	.	57,443 13 0	17,221 15 0	10 0 0	...	17,231 15 0	74,675 12 0	18,752 6 6
	Sub-Judges holding Small Cause Court powers.										
1	Akola	...		...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...
2	Buldana	9,575 12 0	...		9,575 12 0	2,398 12 0	...	...	2,398 12 0	11,974 8 0	...
3	Basim	3,442 7 0	.	...	3,442 7 0	882 9 0	...	.	882 9 0	4,325 0 0	. .
4	Amraoti (Morsi) ..	292 0 0	...	...	292 0 0	89 12 0	...	...	89 12 0	381 12 0	...
5	Ellichpur	7,663 13 0	...	. .	7,663 13 0	1,691 3 0	...	...	1,691 3 0	9,355 0 0	...
6	Wun	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Total ..	20,974 0 0	...	...	20,974 0 0	5,062 4 0	...	...	5,062 4 0	26,036 4 0	...
1	Civil and Sessions Judge's Court ...	4,742 14 0	43 12 0	. .	4,786 10 0	406 8 0	...	...	406 8 0	5,193 2 0	...
2	Judicial Commissioner's Court ..	9.484 14 0	157 9 0	...	9,642 7 0	404 2 0	...		404 2 0	10,046 9 0	...
	Total ..	14,227 12 0	201 5 0	...	14,429 1 0	810 10 0	...	...	810 10 0	15,239 11 0	...
	Grand Total... 1890 ...	2,72,067 1 0	11,598 5 0	..	2,83,665 6 0	72,651 12 0	9,095 4 0	...	81,747 0 0	3,65,412 6 0	62,134 7 4
	Grand Total... 1889	2,72,103 6 0	11,231 15 0	...	2,83,335 5 0	71,507 3 0	9,854 15 0	...	81,494 12 0	3,64,830 1 0	61,044 10 6

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XI—(CIVIL).—*Statement of processes issued and the amount realized and expended in the several districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1890.

No.	Districts.	No. of processes issued	Amount realized on account of processes.	Establishment. Nazirs, &c.	Establishment. Process servers	Establishment. Contingencies.	Establishment. Total.	Balance.	Average No. of processes served by each process server.	Average distance travelled by each process server.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.			
1	Akola	23,212	6,465 0 0	1,930 9 1	2,783 9 1	...	4,714 2 2	1,750 13 10	773·7	3316·2	
2	Buldana	31,155	10,091 1 0	3,597 8 6	5,527 15 4	...	9,125 7 10	965 9 2	483·9	2046·4	
3	Basim	24,891	7,552 0 0	2,939 14 8	4,179 8 1	...	7,119 6 9	432 9 3	679·	2750·	
4	Amraoti	38,381	72,757 14 0	3,445 8 0	5,101 3 4	36 0 0	8,582 11 4	4,175 2 8	738·1	2882·8	
5	Ellichpur	26,561	7,951 12 0	2,964 6 5	4,858 0 11	...	7,822 7 4	129 4 8	610·	1576·4	
6	Wun	25,127	6,363 10 0	2,522 9 6	3,495 3 11	..	6,017 13 5	345 12 7	580·8	3467 1	
	Total ...	169,929	51,181 5 0	17,400 8 2	25,945 8 8	36 0 0	43,382 0 10	7,799 4 2	639·2	2599·1	
1	Sub-Judges exercising Small Cause Court powers. Akola	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	
2	Buldana ...	7,275	2,398 12 0	...	...	...	..	2,398 12 0	..	...	
3	Basim ..	3,176	882 9 0	..	...	...	...	882 9 0	...	..	
4	Amraoti ..	..	89 12 0	..	...	...	...	89 12 0	...	...	
5	Ellichpur .	5,169	1,691 3 0	...	...	...	...	1,691 3 0	...	...	
6	Wun	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total ..	15,620	5,062 4 0	.	..	...	...	5,062 4 0	...	...	
1	Small Cause Courts. Akola	11,893	3,581 3 0	1,023 5 4	1,813 1 10	...	2,836 7 2	744 11 10	660·7	2249·8	
2	Khamgaon ..	8,632	2,735 14 0	1,089 3 11	1,166 1 0	...	2,255 4 11	480 9 11	719·8	1191·7	
3	Telhara ...	23,596	9,275 8 0	2,867 1 5	3,360 0 0	..	6,227 1 5	3,048 6 7	694·	3165·4	
4	Amraoti ...	17,030	5,859 12 0	1,783 9 10	2,355 6 3	...	4,139 0 1	1,720 11 11	791·1	2710·	
5	Badnera ..	12,833	3,240 8 0	1,319 0 0	1,975 9 9	...	3,294 9 9	—54 1 9	802·1	2217·2	
	Total ...	73,984	24,692 13 0	8,082 3 8	10,670 2 10	...	18,752 6 6	5,940 6 6	727·1	2519·1	
1	Civil and Sessions Judge's Court ..	..	406 8 0	...	...	...	...	406 8 0	...	...	
2	Judicial Commissioner's Court .	...	404 2 0	...	...	...	...	404 2 0	...	...	
	Total ..	...	810 10 0	...	...	...	...	810 10 0	...	...	
	Grand Total . 1890 ...	259,533	81,747 0 0	25,482 11 10	36,615 11 6	36 0 0	62,134 7 4	19,612 8 8	663·2	2577·3	
	1889 ...	250,639	81,494 0 0	25,347 14 4	35,624 12 2	72 0 0	61,044 10 6	20,450 1 6	634·	2393·	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XII—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the average detention of witnesses in the several Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1890.

No.	Courts.	No. of witnesses who attended.	Period of detention. For 1 day.	For 2 days.	For 3 days.	For 4 days.	For 5 days.	For 6 days.	For 7 days.	For 8 days.	For 9 days	For 10 days.	Up to one month.	Total.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses allowed to go unexamined.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Akola	5,841	4,681	719	166	52	18	5	..	...	...	...	...	5,641	3,605	2,036	
2	Buldana	5,783	5,378	315	93	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	5,786	2,281	3,505	
3	Basim	3,949	3,346	595	8	..	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	3,949	2,870	1,079	
4	Amraoti	4,048	3,636	374	35	3	. .	.	.	.	.	.	...	4,048	3,017	1,031	
5	Ellichpur	4,719	4,347	257	65	8	13	29	.	.	.	. .	..	4,719	1,558	3,161	
6	Wun	3,027	2,896	101	20	7	.	.		.	...	.	. .	3,027	2,397	630	
	Total ...	27,170	24,284	2,364	387	70	31	34		..	..	.	.	27,170	15,728	11,442	
1	Sub-Judges exercising Small Cause Court powers. Akola ...	...	...	...	...	..		..	.	.	..	.		.	.	...	
2	Buldana ...	2,297	2,294	3	...	.		...	.	.	.	..	.	2,297	1,017	1,280	
3	Basim ...	486	480	6	...	.		..	.	...	...	..	...	486	428	58	
4	Amraoti ...	10	10	...	...			.		...	...	.	...	10	6	4	
5	Ellichpur ..	2,147	1,994	118	35	.			..	...	..		...	2,147	672	1,475	
6	Wun ...	876	843	24	9	.	.	..	.	.	.	.	...	876	552	324	
	Total ...	5,816	5,621	151	44	.	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	5,816	2,675	3,141	
	Small Cause Courts.																
1	Akola	2,289	1,563	487	167	42	30	7	..	...	...	...	...	2,289	671	1,618	
2	Khamgaon	1,147	1,126	21	...		.	..	.	...	...	..	...	1,147	408	739	
3	Telhara	2,653	2,645	8	..				.	...	...	...	...	2,653	1,320	1,333	
4	Amraoti	1,607	1,580	27	...				.	.	...	..	...	1,607	1,263	344	
5	Badnera	2,829	2,719	103	7	...		.		.	...	...	...	2,829	1,326	1,503	
	Total ...	10,525	9,633	646	167	42	30	7	.	..	...	..	...	10,525	4,988	5,537	
	Grand Total 1890...	43,511	39,538	3,161	598	112	61	41	..	...	...	...	...	43,511	23,391	20,120	
	Grand Total 1889...	37,851	35,055	2,098	554	112	16	16	...	...	...	...	...	37,851	19,558	18,293	

Extract from the Proceedings of the Resident at Hyderabad, No. 2081, *dated Hyderabad Residency, the* 16*th July* 1891.

Read—

Report on the administration of civil justice in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts for the year 1890.

ORDER.

This report was due with the Resident on the 15th March last, but was received from the Judicial Commissioner on the 10th April, owing to delay in obtaining correct returns from Deputy Commissioners. In commenting on the inaccuracy of the Akola district report, the preparation of which was entrusted by the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Nicholetts, to his assistant, Mr. Yasin Khan, the Judicial Commissioner observes that one of the principal reasons for annual reports is "that local responsible officers, by the necessity of the preparation and the review of the statistics on the subject being treated at least once a year, shall become acquainted with the condition of their charges and shall be placed in a position to control matters if tending wrongly," and that it is desirable therefore that they should "keep these matters in their own hands and themselves go into the statistics." The Resident entirely concurs in these remarks. The date for the submission of this report has lately been extended to the 1st June, and this will leave no excuse for unpunctuality in future.

Paragraph 2 of the report.

2. *Fluctuations in litigation and its causes.*—In paragraph 5 of the report the Judicial Commissioner writes: "In Akola suits instituted decreased by 2·8 per cent. and in Amraoti and Ellichpur respectively by 1·1 and 1 per cent., while in the other three districts there has been an increase, *viz.*, in Buldana by 3·3 and in Basim and Wun by 1·3 and 0·6 per cent. respectively." This remark needs correction or explanation. The percentages do not represent institutions, but changes in the proportions of the total litigation of the province belonging to the several districts.

Paragraphs 4—6 of the report.

Table A in paragraph 4 shows that during the last five years institutions in the Amraoti and Akola districts have been decreasing. The total of last year for Amraoti was 6,051 against 8,155 in the year 1886, and for Akola 6,111 against 7,167. In Buldana the tendency has been to increase and in Basim also, while Ellichpur and Wun have remained on the whole stationary. The provincial total for the year under report is almost the same (22 less) as for the year 1889.

With regard to the causes of fluctuations, it is explained that where increase has occurred it has been due to the establishment of new courts, or to certain courts having worked uninterruptedly throughout the year, some with extended powers; and that where there has been decrease, it has been caused by the closing of certain courts for longer or shorter periods, by redistribution of work in others, and by the epidemic of influenza which swept over the country in the early part of the year.

Paragraphs 7—25 of the report.

3. *Classification of suits according to subject-matter.*—It is remarkable that, while the percentage of suits for money or movable property has been decreasing steadily since 1886, there has been a progressive increase in suits under the head of "Title and other suits." The decrease under the first head is not explained. As regards suits under the head of "Title and other suits," it is said that agricultural prosperity has, by putting more money in the pockets of the people and raising the value of land, naturally stimulated litigation in respect of land.

In paragraph 4 of last year's review the Judicial Commissioner was requested to call upon Deputy Commissioners to give as minute descriptions as they could of the nature of suits instituted under each of the headings shown in the returns, adding when necessary explanations or observations on the matters out of which such suits arise. The Judicial Commissioner reports that these instructions have not been fully complied with, and adds that "when the facts presented in litigation are of undoubted interest and occasionally bespeak change in important directions, it is not given to every one to foresee their interest, or at the outset to forecast intelligently their drift." But a start having been made, Colonel Mackenzie hopes that better results may be expected; and the Resident also will look for improvement in future years.

In this connection the Judicial Commissioner discusses the position of agriculturists in Berar and their relations with local money-lenders; and he observes that it is supposed by those best informed that quite one-third of the land in the province has passed to the money-lender. The Resident would regard the fact, if it were a fact, that one-third of the land in a ryotwari province had passed into the hands of money-lenders, whether Kunbis or Marwaris, who would presumably reduce the former ryots to the position of under-tenants or labourers, as a matter for serious consideration. But statements of this kind, unless supported by facts and figures, should be received with caution. It may be mentioned here that this question was the subject of enquiry during the years 1872 to 1874. The weight of opinion then was to the effect that not only, so far as the passing of land into the hands of the Marwaris and other money-lenders was concerned, was there not the slightest ground for alarm, but that the *ryotwari* system of land revenue settlement was actually the best protection the Berar landowner could have "against his becoming the slave of the wealthy speculator in land."

As to the question of legislative interference and the effect of the rules issued under sections 320 and 322 of the Civil Procedure Code regarding the sale of land in execution of decrees, and as regards this important subject generally, the Resident will await the report on the subject promised by Colonel Mackenzie.

The character of litigation during the year under report was, as observed by the Judicial Commissioner, almost the same as in the preceding year; and, although the average value under litigation rose somewhat, 72 per cent. of the whole litigation was for property of less value than Rs. 100.

4. *Disposal of original suits.*—Including suits pending from the previous year and re-admitted cases, the total number of suits for disposal during the year was 29,823, or an increase of 6·3 per cent. over the figure for 1889. Of this number, 26,331, or 88·3 per cent., were disposed of during the year. Contested cases and cases compromised rose by 1·5 and 2·2 per cent. respectively, while decrees *ex parte* decreased by 2·4 per cent. The percentage of suits disposed of by arbitration has remained stationary, and seems to bear out the statement made by the Judicial Commissioner last year that arbitration before the court shows no sign of coming into favour. The number of cases pending at the end of the year under report was 3,491 against 3,377 at the close of 1889. In this respect the Amraoti district is again conspicuous for the number it had of cases pending over three months at the close of the year.

Paragraphs 30—34 of the report.

5. *Average duration.*—The average duration of contested and uncontested cases was 84 and 41·8 days against 57·8 and 34·2 days respectively in the previous year. The duration in contested cases was highest in the Wun and Amraoti districts. This is attributed in Wun to difficulties in the service of summonses on persons living out of Berar, and in Amraoti to frequent changes in the staff of officers. Remarking on the question of average duration and what should be considered a fair average in this respect in the Hyderabad Assigned

Paragraphs 35—38 of the report.

Districts, Colonel Mackenzie observes that he prefers to deal with the question "by the results that come to notice in cases called for inspection and that come up in appeal, thus dealing individually and at once with the judge who may appear to be careless"—and again that "so many and often altogether proper causes go to affect averages that it is dangerous to let judges suppose that the mere figure results in this respect are a test relied upon to approve or condemn their work, lest, in fear of the form, they play up to it and scamp their work." The Resident quite agrees in these remarks, and is glad that it has been impressed upon judges that each case they try should be concluded without delay, but that, if their work is thorough in each, the duration is not of much consequence because anything seemingly high will then be explainable.

Paragraph 42 of the report.

6. *Agency for disposal of suits.*—Table O in paragraph 42 of the report shows the distribution of the suits disposed of among the various classes of courts in the several districts. The bulk of the original work (95 per cent.) was almost equally divided between (*a*) Small Cause Courts and Sub-Judges exercising Small Cause Court powers and (*b*) Courts of Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges appointed under section 9 of the Courts Law. The Deputy Commissioners of Ellichpur and Wun tried 7 and 6 cases respectively, and no other Deputy Commissioner tried any. Tahsildars were also for the most part freed from civil cases: in Ellichpur they tried 95 and in Basim 17, but in other districts they disposed of none. Naib Tahsildars, on the other hand, tried a considerable number in the Akola and Basim districts.

Paragraphs 43—48 of the report.

7. *Execution of decrees.*—The percentages (99·2 and 100) of cases in which sale of movables and immovables followed execution is remarkably high in Buldana, and the Resident will be glad to know the result of the enquiry which the Judicial Commissioner is making on the subject. It is strange as Colonel Mackenzie points out, that there is not a single instance in which land appears to have been sold in execution of decree in this district.

The Resident joins in Colonel Mackenzie's regret that the law does not admit of the work of execution of decrees being placed in the hands of a special officer, who could give it his undivided attention. In the Punjab in former times Deputy Commissioners were ordered to make over the execution of decrees to a single officer, and, as it formed an important part of that officer's work, he set aside a certain portion of his time for dealing with it, and dealt with it in a regular and systematic manner; whereas, when each officer executes his own decree, he leaves the execution cases to be dealt with in odd scraps of time, or just as he is about to rise for the day.

Paragraph 51 of the report.

8. *Bankruptcy.*—Applications for declaration of insolvency under chapter XX of Act XIV of 1882 fell from 34 to 23. Only four applications were granted, in only two was it found necessary to appoint a receiver; and in none were penal proceedings taken. The Judicial Commissioner notices the objection natives have to take proceedings in bankruptcy, and expresses surprise at finding that, while fictitious proceedings to defraud creditors when proceedings are imminent are frequent, it is considered dishonourable to apply to be adjudicated an insolvent, even when the circumstances are such that, according to our ideas, no dishonour would attach to such an application. This however is, in the Resident's experience, quite in accordance with what is observed in other parts of India. The natives of this country, at least those outside the highest business circles, are lamentably unpunctual in fulfilling their engagements; indeed, that a debtor will be very unpunctual is often fully contemplated by both parties when a debt is incurred; but, speaking generally, it is extremely repugnant to their nature to repudiate an engagement, and, as an application to be adjudicated insolvent involves in their eyes a repudiation of all a man's engagements, it is always regarded as dishonourable. This strong sense of their obligations is, as far as it goes, in the highest degree creditable to them,

but it would seem as if it rested to a considerable extent on some sort of conventional basis, which often gives way when the parties come to an open rupture and are pitted, or likely to be pitted, against one another in our courts. Then there is war between them, and a war in which all things are considered fair—perjury, forgery and fraud of every description. It would be interesting to consider further the causes of this apparent inconsistency, but the discussion would be out of place in a review of this kind.

9. *Attendance of witnesses.*—The number of witnesses detained for three days and upwards rose from 698 to 812; but as there was an increase of 5,660 in the number who attended and of 3,833 in the number examined by courts, this result is not unsatisfactory.

Paragraphs 52 & 53 of the report.

10. *Appeals.*—The Resident observes with surprise that out of a total of 205 appeals disposed of, the Judicial Commissioner confirmed only three cases without summoning the respondent. It is difficult to believe that if Colonel Mackenzie had perused the papers, calling for the files if necessary, when the appeals were first preferred, he would not have found many more cases which could have been disposed of in this way, and thus have saved much of his own time, and much trouble and expense to the parties. Sir Dennis Fitzpatrick also observes that the pending appellate file in the Judicial Commissioner's Court has increased, the institutions during the year having exceeded the disposals (258 against 205), but he is well aware that Colonel Mackenzie does not spare himself, and notes that, the most troublesome part of the legacy left by the old system having now been disposed of, Colonel Mackenzie believes he will get abreast of the work.

Paragraphs 57—63 of the report.

Nearly 600 regular appeals were filed during the year in suits of which the value did not exceed Rs. 500. They were distributed thus—356 to the Civil and Sessions Judge, 118 to Civil Judges, and 123 to Deputy Commissioners, *viz.*, in Buldana 20, in Basim 41, and in Wun, where there was no Civil Judge during the year, 62. As the year 1890 was the first whole one under the operation of the Berar Courts Law, there will be a better opportunity next year of reviewing the working of the law in respect to appeals, and original suits also.

11. *Inspection of cases by Deputy Commissioners.*—Table T in paragraph 64 of the report shows the number of cases the proceedings in which were called up for inspection by Deputy Commissioners. Contrasted with the figures of the previous year there has been an increase in all districts except Wun, where no cases were inspected during the year. The Resident is glad to see an improvement in this matter, to the importance of which he drew attention in last year's review; but there is still room for improvement, and much, he considers, could be done by turning over part of the work, as was done in Akola and Basim, to Assistant Commissioners, who will, moreover, find it instructive. As to the neglect of this work in the Wun district, the Resident is constrained to agree with the Judicial Commissioner that the explanation afforded is inadequate, and that Colonel Rennick should certainly have inspected some cases in the first quarter, while by a little arrangement something might have been done later by the officers who followed him.

Paragraphs 64—66 of the report.

12. *Notice of Officers.*—In conclusion the Resident desires to place on record his appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Obbard, Officiating Civil and Sessions Judge, and the other officers whose names have been brought to notice by the Judicial Commissioner. Sir Dennis Fitzpatrick's special acknowledgments are due to Colonel Mackenzie, who has fully sustained his previous high reputation as head of this important department.

Paragraphs 71—74 of the report.

(By order.)

J. A. CRAWFORD,

Secretary for Berar.